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Crown Prince Fahd

New rule will be introduced

Fahd: Dollar to remain currency for oil payments

JEDDAH, Jan. 11 — Saudi Arabia will introduce, within two months, a new government system and a consultative council to complement the council of ministers, Crown Prince Fahd says in an interview published here Thursday.

In the interview, which also appeared in U.S. and European newspapers, Prince Fahd said "what is called a constitution in the West our new basic system of rule will comprise 200 articles based entirely on Islamic legislation."

"The Prince said future cabinet changes will not only involve people but also new gov-

ernment concepts.

In a wide-ranging interview, the Crown Prince lashed at hostile Western press attacks on the Kingdom and promised a new Saudi Arabian approach to confront lies and fabrications heaped on the country.

On the question of oil as a weapon the Prince says "Saudi Arabia has been eager to keep it away from controversies."

He said the falling value of the dollar is a matter of concern to the Kingdom, but he has been in contact with the U.S. government which is "appreciating our position."

"There is no alternative to the dollar as the

currency to pay for oil. Neither the Japanese yen, the French franc, the German mark nor gold could take its place," he said.

Following is the full text of the interview: Q — The image of Saudi Arabia abroad is blurred and rumors are circulating as facts. Is this due to the grave importance of the country to Western civilization which badly needs Saudi Arabian oil?

A — There is an Arabic proverb which says that good health may result from illnesses. The mosque events have shown us many things of which we had not been sufficiently aware. We had believed that there was no need for us to reply to hostile publicity because we thought that facts spoke for themselves. Since people depend heavily on newspapers for what they always take as facts we have decided to do something about it and project the truth rather than left falsehoods

proliferate. I can say that some of the falsehoods circulated recently about the Kingdom were coordinated and appeared logical, but I can assure you that there was no truth in them at all. That has made us re-evaluate our information policy to enable those who want the truth to come to us and get it, but we shall have nothing to do with those who harbor ill-will and are determined to forge news of non-existent developments.

Q — Does this mean that you are planning a new information policy?

A — Yes. As I said earlier I thought that our policy was quite clear and did not require any effort to bring truth to the people, but now we are convinced that we should help spread the truth by helping the press get it whether it be about our Arab policy or

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Food running short

Fierce fighting rages in Afghanistan's city

ISLAMABAD, Jan. 11 (Agencies) — Food is running short in Kandahar, Afghanistan's second biggest city, because of fierce fighting between rebel tribesmen and Soviet troops, according to refugees crossing into Pakistan.

Twelve thousand refugees have trekked into Pakistan's Baluchistan Province from southern Afghanistan since the new year, bringing accounts of a big Soviet takeover in the Kandahar region and stiff resistance from tribesmen.

The refugees said the rebels were attacking military convoys on the main road running northeast from Kandahar to Kabul and the 4,000 Soviet troops in Kandahar were dependent on airlifts for supplies and equipment.

Food was short in the city because of the fighting and when shops opened there were long queues. The price of wheat had nearly tripled.

The Kandahar region is one of Afghanistan's most productive areas. It usually supplies Kabul and the main towns with most of their fruit and grain.

The refugees said the Red Army was guarding Kandahar Airport and major public buildings after quelling a rebellion among Afghan regular troops garrisoned in the city.

According to the refugees, travellers, and sources close to the insurgents, Soviet troops have dug in around Kandahar and have removed all Afghan soldiers from the area of the airport.

They said up to 75 Soviet fighter bombers and 21 helicopters could be seen standing on the tarmac at Kandahar Airport.

Soviet troops spread out to Kandahar, 95 miles from the Pakistan border, soon after the Moscow-backed coup installed Babrak Karmal as Afghanistan's new leader in Kabul on Dec. 27.

An insurgent spokesman in Pakistan's Northwest Frontier Province said a fresh airlift of Soviet troops had taken place in Afghanistan's northern Badakhshan Province where the Red Army has been fighting alongside Afghan troops against insurgents since early last month.

The effort among Islamic countries to reach a unified stand against the Soviet intervention took another step forward on Friday with Kuwait's announcement that it had

decided to participate in the projected Islamic foreign minister's conference.

Abdul Aziz Hussein, minister of state for cabinet affairs, told the newspaper *Al-Qabas* Kuwait has also urged other Arab and Islamic states to adopt a common stand on this issue.

The Gulf News Agency said 11 Islamic states out of the 33 making up the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) have already announced their readiness to attend the foreign ministers conference, tentatively scheduled to be held in Islamabad on Jan. 21, the Gulf News Agency reported.

The agency said the proposal for the staging of the conference needs the consent of two thirds of the membership of the OIC before it can materialize.

The countries that have agreed to this date are: Bahrain, Kuwait, Lebanon, Malaysia, Morocco, Oman, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Tunisia and the United Arab Emirates, the agency said.

Meanwhile, members of the United Nations continued to denounce the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, in the General Assembly.

Japan, China and Colombia attacked the Russians in the emergency debate, while the new Afghan government installed by the Soviets defended them.

The United States and the Soviet Union were scheduled to speak later Friday.

Third World countries are expected to introduce a resolution in the next day or two calling for withdrawal of the Soviet forces from Afghanistan, and the United States and its allies are reported confident that the 152-nation assembly will approve it.

The Soviet Union on Monday vetoed a similar Security Council resolution which was supported by 13 of the other 14 Council members. The Russians could not block a Council resolution asking for the emergency Assembly debate because it was a procedural vote in which the permanent members' veto did not apply. But the Assembly can vote no punitive action if the Russians ignore its call to get out of Afghanistan.

The Carter administration continued its attacks on the Soviet Union with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance saying the U.S. sanctions would remain in effect "for a protracted period" and Vice President Mondale calling for a transfer of the 1980 Olympics from Moscow to Montreal or Munich.

In a television interview on the NBC morning news program Vance said: "The invasion of Afghanistan crossed a new threshold and it required a very strong and a very resolute response."

Asked if the U.S. will consider helping the Afghan insurgents, Vance replied that "what happens internally is a question I would prefer not to get into."



KHOMENI NOT POPULAR: Residents of Tabriz, Iran, tear up pictures of Ayatollah Khomeini during recent mass demonstrations in favor of Ayatollah Shariat Madari. Western newsmen were not allowed to cover the demonstrations and file stories.

On autonomy deadlock

Carter to get Sadat's message

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 — Egypt's Vice President Hosni Mubarak will arrive in Washington Monday carrying a message for President Carter from President Anwar Sadat on the stalemate Palestinian autonomy talks and several key strategic issues, diplomatic sources said here.

Mubarak, who has been touring China, will spend five days in the American capital conferring with U.S. officials, the sources said.

Israeli-Egyptian summit talks ended in Aswan Thursday with no progress on the autonomy issue. But Begin told a press conference that civilian links by land, sea and air would be opened between the two countries on Jan. 26 as stipulated by the Israel-Egypt peace treaty. Postal and telecommunications services will also be established then.

Hosni's visit comes amid increasing Egyptian concern over Israeli foot-dragging on the autonomy question and apparent U.S. unwillingness to pressure the Begin government into making concessions.

Work on computer system soon

RIYADH, Jan. 11 (SPA) — Construction on an Interior Ministry computer system will begin soon, officials said here Friday.

The ministry last January signed a SR730 million contract with William Hoover, chairman of the Computer Science Corp. to buy, and install the system at four sites across the Kingdom.

The system will be used to monitor the entry and exit of foreigners and Saudis. It will enable passport officials to complete customs procedures for travelers more quickly, officials said.

Additionally, all vehicle registration numbers will be fed into the computer system. As part of the program, Saudis are being trained to operate and maintain the system. Hamad Abu Nayan, director of the Interior Ministry's central information center, said buildings will go up in eight cities to house the computer equipment. Blueprints are approved, land is allotted and Saudi nationals are currently in training overseas, he said.

The central building is planned for Riyadh with supervision and control centers to be built in Jeddah, Dammam and Taif. Training is now underway in the United States, but eventually will be conducted in Riyadh. Jeddah, Taif, Abha, Dammam, Buraidah, Ar Ar and Tabuk, Abu Nayan said.

The Interior Ministry signed contracts with two U.S. computer firms for initial training of Saudis in computer operation and maintenance.

The training program, which takes at least three years, is designed to develop a core of highly-trained Saudi computer specialists to man the new system without help from foreigners, Abu Nayan said.

He said the project will take five years to complete and will be accomplished in two installments. The contract companies will provide supervisory and maintenance assistance during that time.

Hussein arrives today

AMMAN, Jan. 11 (SPA) — King Hussein of Jordan arrives in Riyadh Saturday on the first leg of a tour to Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar and Oman, the Royal Court announced here Friday.

King Hussein's talks with Saudi Arabian leaders will cover current Arab developments, the international scene and bilateral relations.

Gold climbs to \$ 620 an ounce

LONDON, Jan. 11 (R) — The world gold price climbed again Friday, reaching \$620 an ounce, but there was no real indication whether the recent hectic gold rush was regaining momentum.

After spectacular increases which peaked at \$680 an ounce at the start of this week the value of gold has since fallen back to around the \$600 level, mainly because of profit-taking.

Friday, however, it was fixed on the London bullion market at \$610.00 an ounce, and then went on to trade at \$620 and just above, on European markets.

Meanwhile, the dollar remained firm, gaining slightly against some major currencies. The dollar has been fairly steady during the latest dramatic price surge of gold in which people have sought safe investment because of fears about inflation and international

political tensions.

Gold passed the \$560-an-ounce mark at the start of the year.

At that time the pound sterling was worth \$2.24, and the dollar stood at around 1.71 marks. 1.57 Swiss francs, 4.01 French francs and 238 yen.

With gold \$60 an ounce higher, the dollar Friday traded on European foreign exchange markets not far off the general level with which it opened the new decade.

The pound traded at \$2.2590. The dollar traded at 1.7190 marks, 1.5797 Swiss francs 4.0302 French francs and 235.90 yen.

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To counter dangers to culture

KFU plans Islamic design center

By a Staff Writer
DAMMAM, Dec. 11 — King Faisal University here is to set up a permanent research center on Islamic architecture and planning.

Dr. Samir Al-Sadek, vice-dean of KFU's faculty of Architecture and Planning, told a conference on Islamic architecture and planning here that the center would strive to preserve Islamic culture against the dangers that face it.

The center is to be a place of documentation, research and liaison, to disseminate attitudes that nurture and maintain the

Islamic way of life. The conference itself seems to have done a good deal in that direction.

"Working through the night," said Oleg Grabar, an Islamic art historian at Harvard, "the organizers and chairmen of the symposium put together seven pages of recommendations to help guide planners in the Islamic world."

They will soon be distributed in their final form.

Dr. Ismail Serajedini, advisor to the symposium, expressed the hope that the wealth of

recommendations made by participants would be given weight by the authorities.

Serajedini, who is Chief of the technical Assistance and Special Studies Division of the World Bank spoke of the symposium as a "great collective enterprise to reaffirm the value of the Islamic heritage as remedies are sought to correct the tilt toward indiscriminate Westernization in architecture."

The symposium attempted to define Islamic characteristics which reflect the social patterns of the Islamic way of life, an architectural vocabulary which could help guide architects.

Serajedini cautioned that there were no simple recipes of checklist. He expressed the belief that modernity lies in traditional as well as new developments.

Of the 200 formal participants from 34 countries who attended the week of lectures and study groups at the Dammam campus of KFU and the Al-Gosabi Hotel in Al-Khobar, 72 gave talks.

The symposium was intended to stimulate awareness of the value of the Islamic architectural heritage and to consider the problems of its adaptability, and to cope with the transition from traditional patterns to modern conditions.

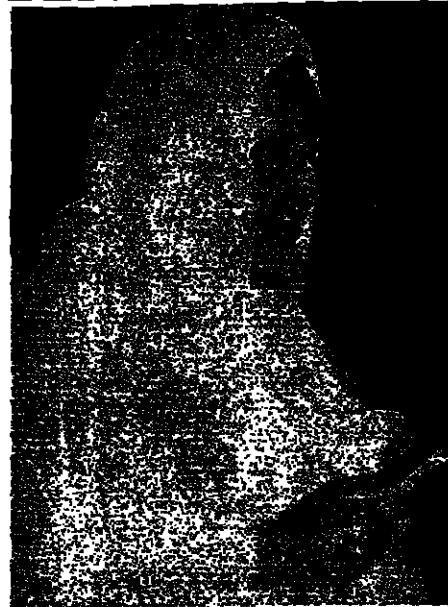
Delegates wrestled with the definition of Islamic Architecture with reference to its underlying principles of space, form, structure, and symbols.

Carrington arrives in Kingdom Sunday

RIYADH, Jan. 11 (SPA) — British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington arrives here Sunday on a one day visit.

British Ambassador James Craig said Lord Carrington's visit is part of a tour which might also take him to Pakistan, India and Oman.

He added that Lord Carrington will discuss with Saudi Arabian officials the recent events in Afghanistan assessing the situation and considering its implications for the Middle East because of the necessity of facing up to the Communist threat.



Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Haraki

Asian Islamic talks opened in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec. 11 — The King of Malaysia, Tunku Ahmad Shah, Friday, opened an Islamic conference for South-East Asia and the Pacific. The conference is being attended by representatives of pan-Islamic organizations based in Saudi Arabia.

It is organized by the Malaysian Islamic Welfare Society, in cooperation with the General Secretariat of the Mecca-based Muslim World League. Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Haraki, secretary general of the League, is attending the conference.

The conference will discuss spreading Islam and other Islamic topics. In addition to the Soviet aggression against Afghanistan, it is attended by over 100 representatives of Muslims in Thailand, Indonesia, the Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore, Japan, Hong Kong, Australia and the Middle East.

Former Malaysian Premier Tunku Abdul Rahman gave a statement at the opening of the conference in which he strongly criticized the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and called for solidarity between Muslims to solve problems among them and work to spread Islam.

The delegates agreed on a resolution condemning the Soviet intervention.

Meeting in Riyadh

Arab agriculture conference approves food security plan

RIYADH, Jan. 11 (SPA) — The board of the Arab Agricultural Development Organization has approved a program for food security.

A study of camels and a project on the agricultural environment of the Arab world were also in a set of recommendations and resolutions adopted at the end of its meetings here Thursday. The board also endorsed joint studies by Arab countries on the development and evolution of pastures on the common borders between Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Syria, Jordan and Kuwait, as well as the joint borders of the two Yemens and Oman. It also approved a proposal to consider setting up animal fodder centers for droughts.

The board decided to hold two seminars a year on fertilizers and scientific research on fish resources.

The board also resolved that the organization and the Arab Economic and Social Council should establish cooperation and coordination. It urged member states to increase their contributions to the World Food Program through the donations conference scheduled in New York this year.

It welcomed Saudi Arabia's readiness to conclude a training cooperation agreement, and approved the agreement.

The board also approved a budget for this financial year of \$ 5,208,000. It agreed to reduce the contribution of the Sultanate of Oman to the organization's budget to one per cent instead of two per cent. It also agreed that the financial commitment of the Kingdom of Morocco toward the organization start from the beginning of the financial year 1979.

Dr. Abdul Rehman Al Al-Sheikh, Saudi Arabia's Minister of agriculture and water and current chairman of the organization announced Thursday that the organization's resolutions centered on the issue of food security for the Arab world and the use of available potential for this problem, and the adoption of measures to increase agricultural production in all Arab countries.

He said that the board's decisions were aimed at achieving economic integration, as the

Arab world had abundant means and resources which could be invaluable if properly used.

The board elected Dr. Hassan Fahmi Gomaa from Iraq director general of the organization, and decided to hold its tenth session in Damascus next September.

Taking the floor on behalf of all delegates, Syrian Minister of Agriculture and Land Reclamation Ahmad Qoblan thanked the Saudi Arabian government and people for hosting the conference and for their warm hospitality and contribution to its success.

He said that the board will address cables of thanks to King Khaled, Crown Prince Fahd and Governor of Riyadh Prince Salman. He also thanked the Ministry of Agriculture and Water and the Preparatory Committee for their excellent preparations for the conference.

Delegates began leaving the Kingdom to their home countries Friday.

Munzer Al-Maydani, director general of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, hailed Saudi Arabia for its substantial and constant contribution to the World Food Program. He had discussed with Saudi Arabia the possibility of further expansion of cooperation in the future.

Nahda ties Nasr 0-0

JEDDAH, Jan. 11 — Nasr got another setback Friday when it drew 0-0 in Riyadh with Nahda of Dammam. Last week Nasr lost its unchallenged lead of the League with a 3-2 defeat by bottom placed Ohod of Medina, which raised its total points from seven matches to three.

Nahda, as the television commentator said, has become "the king of drawing". They have drawn six times, won once and lost once. They have eight points.

Ahli raised its point total to ten by winning Thursday against Qadisiya 3-2.

Itrahad of Jeddah, was to play late Friday against Wehda. If successful it will hold the lead until next week's final of the first round. Itrahad then meets Ahli in Jeddah and Nasr 'Hilal in Riyadh.

Gulf ministerial meeting

Anqari leaves for labor talks

RIYADH, Jan. 11 (SPA) — Minister of Labor and Social Affairs, Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Anqari left here Friday for Kuwait to attend meetings of the Council of Ministers of Gulf Labor and Social Affairs.

In the second session, which opens Saturday, the council will discuss organizing manpower in the Gulf and importing manpower from other Arab countries.

The Saudi Arabian delegation from Sheikh

Ibrahim's ministry and led by him, includes Muhammad Said Al-Khalidi, director general of international organizations, Dr. Yassin Andgiri, director general of manpower, and Rashed Mukhlis, director general of planning and studies.

They will also discuss social welfare institutions in Gulf Arab countries and the possibility of applying a unified policy to all social and workers' institutions in the area.

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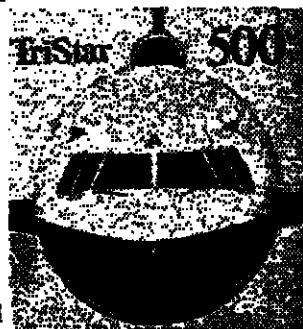
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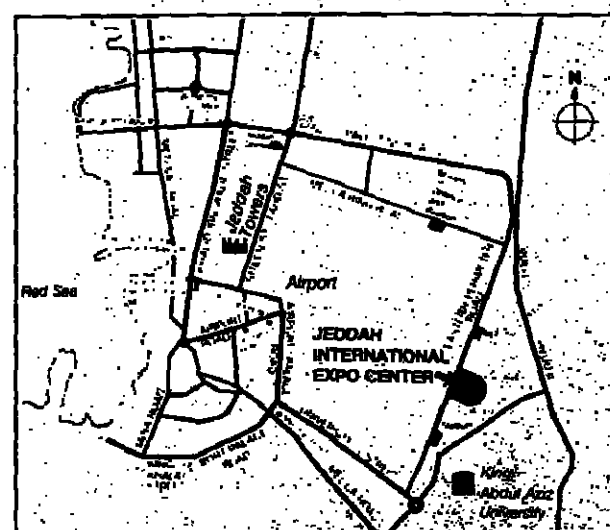
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UAE unveils new labor law on status of alien workers

By Kathy Bishtawi
DUBAI, Jan. 11 (AP) — The United Arab Emirates has announced a new labor law which could result in the deportation of thousands of foreign workers if applied rigorously.

It is estimated that two thirds of the estimated 800,000 population of this Gulf state are immigrant workers.

The most important provision of the new law announced Thursday bars foreign workers from changing their jobs — unless they leave the country for a year.

This provision will effectively end the casual labor pool, used extensively by local contractors.

Saif al Jarwan, the labor and social affairs minister, said the law was aimed at "creating psychological stability, both for employers and employees." In the past he said, visas and work permits had been traded openly, resulting in "another kind of slavery."

Many immigrant workers, particularly Indians and Pakistanis, have been known to pay as much as \$1,000 to obtain visas and work documents from UAE nationals.

The law is also believed to be designed

to curb the increasing number of unemployed, resulting from a downturn in the construction sector of the economy.

Saif indicated unemployment resulted in increased crime "with 95 per cent of all court cases arising either out of theft or visa charges."

Local observers believe another reason is the concern of the government that the native population of the UAE was being swamped by the influx of immigrant workers.

One local banker who did not wish to be identified said the new law would throw employee-employer relationships "back to the feudal system." With workers unable to change jobs, "the law will eventually depress wages and place a great deal more power in the employers," he said.

Other sources said the law is also aimed at reducing the presence of immigrants.

An Iranian embassy official said there are an estimated 60,000 Iranians in the UAE, with as many as one quarter of this number illegal. There has been a large influx of Iranians in the past fortnight as a result of sectarian clashes in the Iranian port of Bandar Lengeh, opposite the UAE on the western coast of the Gulf.

Carter promised policy change if re-elected, Qaddafi says

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (Agencies) — Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi says President Jimmy Carter has promised to "radically change American policy in the Middle East" if he is re-elected this year, according to an interview with journalists in Benghazi.

As a result of the alleged promises, Qaddafi said he would ease his anti-American policies this year, *The Washington Post* reported Thursday.

A high White House official, who was not named, was quoted by the newspaper as saying Carter made "no commitments direct or implied about a radical change in American policy." Another White House source said Carter in recent messages to Qaddafi has simply expressed "an interest in improved relations."

Libya is a leading supporter of the Palestine Liberation Organization and a chief opponent of the Camp David peace accords between Egypt and Israel.

Libya supplies about 40 per cent of its daily oil production to the United States and Qaddafi has previously threatened oil embargoes. Libyan oil amounts to 10 per cent of U.S. imports.

Asked about any Carter promises, Qaddafi was quoted as saying they were "almost precise promises." He said that, "as I understand, I believe President Carter promised to radically change American policy in the Middle East." Qaddafi refused to go into detail, but said he was speaking on the basis of "not just general statements."

Qaddafi said he preferred Carter over any other presidential candidate. "Whatever happens, any American president will be under Zionist influence," he said, but "because President Carter has promised to make changes in American policy, we prefer Carter to be given a chance to see if he keeps his promises."

Qaddafi has said he wants an immediate return of Israeli occupied territories to full Palestinian control.

In a separate development, the Libyan news agency Jana claimed Thursday that Yasser Arafat's Fateh movement has abandoned armed struggle and become a victim of compromise.

In a telexed message to Reuters in London, the agency's political editor charged that Fateh had "taken the same treacherous course" as Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and "gone the way of capitulatory solutions."

The statement came as the latest round in a bitter row between PLO leader Arafat and Qaddafi over Arafat's efforts to steer the Palestinians toward diplomacy and moderation.

Libya severed relations with Fateh six days ago and suspended all aid to the movement.



POSTERS: The wall around the occupied U.S. embassy in Tehran is plastered with Iranian election posters, the majority of them supporting Hassan Banisadr (seen center with glasses), the economy minister. The presidential elections are set for Jan. 25

Panel cites progress in Yemen unity

SANAA, Jan. 11 (R) — A joint North-South Yemeni constitutional committee has boosted prospects of a union between the two states by approving several articles which have been a major stumbling block in the talks.

The state-run Sanaa television said Thursday night a statement issued by the committee said seven articles which were a source of disagreement since 1973 were approved during the meetings which ended Thursday bringing to 143 the total of the articles which were now accepted by both countries.

North and South Yemeni Presidents Ali Abdullah Saleh and Abdul-Fattah Ismail respectively, met in Kuwait last March and agreed on the need to unite their two countries.

Arab League chief meets Italy premier

ROME, Jan. 11 (R) — Arab League Secretary-General Chedli Klibi and Italian Prime Minister Francesco Cossiga met Thursday in an attempt to improve Arab-European relations, strained since the 1978 Camp David accords between Egypt and Israel.

Italy currently holds the presidency of the European Economic Community.

Cossiga spoke of his country's hopes for "resumption of European-Arab dialogue in the form of concrete and profitable collaboration in various sectors."

A foreign ministry statement issued after the meeting emphasized that the EEC wanted to resume dialogue with the entire Arab world "without the intervention of the internal problems of that region."

Earlier Thursday Klibi, a Tunisian, had a 45-minute private audience with Pope John Paul. No statement was issued after the meeting.

15 Iranians sentenced to one year in Kuwait

KUWAIT, Jan. 11 (AP) — A Kuwaiti court sentenced 15 Iranians to imprisonment for one year Thursday for unauthorized demonstration in front of the American embassy in Kuwait last November.

Five other Iranians were sentenced in absentia on the same charge for similar terms and 10 to prison terms from 45 days to three months.

More than 45,000 Iranian expatriates work and live in Kuwait. The defendants were among 2,000 persons who demonstrated in front of the U.S. embassy last Nov. 30 to protest American policy in Iran.

General strike planned for Monday

Israel clamps down on W. Bank

TEL AVIV, Jan. 11 (AP) — Israeli troops clamped down on the occupied territories Friday by preventing Arab mayors of West Bank towns from joining a planned demonstration in Jerusalem and by ordering groups in Gaza to stay at home.

Israeli military authorities had feared disturbances might break out after Friday noon prayers in mosques in both the West Bank and Gaza.

Palestinian nationalist mayors and other West Bank leaders had planned to pray together at Jerusalem's Al Aqsa Mosque and then march together across the old walled city.

Mubarak arrives for N. Korea visit

TOKYO, Jan. 11 (AP) — Egyptian Vice President Hosni Mubarak arrived in Pyongyang Thursday for an official visit to North Korea, the North Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) said.

Mubarak and his party were met at the Pyongyang airport by North Korean Vice President Pau Sung Chul other ministers and officials, said KCNA in a Pyongyang dispatch monitored in Tokyo.

to the church of the Holy Sepulchre to protest Israel's takeover of the Arab-owned East Jerusalem Electric Corp.

One of the mayors, Fahed Kawasmeh of Hebron, told the Associated Press that he had been ordered to remain in Hebron. Still, he said, a general strike in the West Bank and Gaza was planned for Monday to protest the electric company takeover and the Palestinian autonomy plan being negotiated by Israel, Egypt and the United States.

A spokesman for Israel's military government in the Gaza Strip said the governor, Brig. Gen. Yitzhak Segev, had summoned Palestinians to his office Friday morning and told them to keep the area quiet and stay at home.

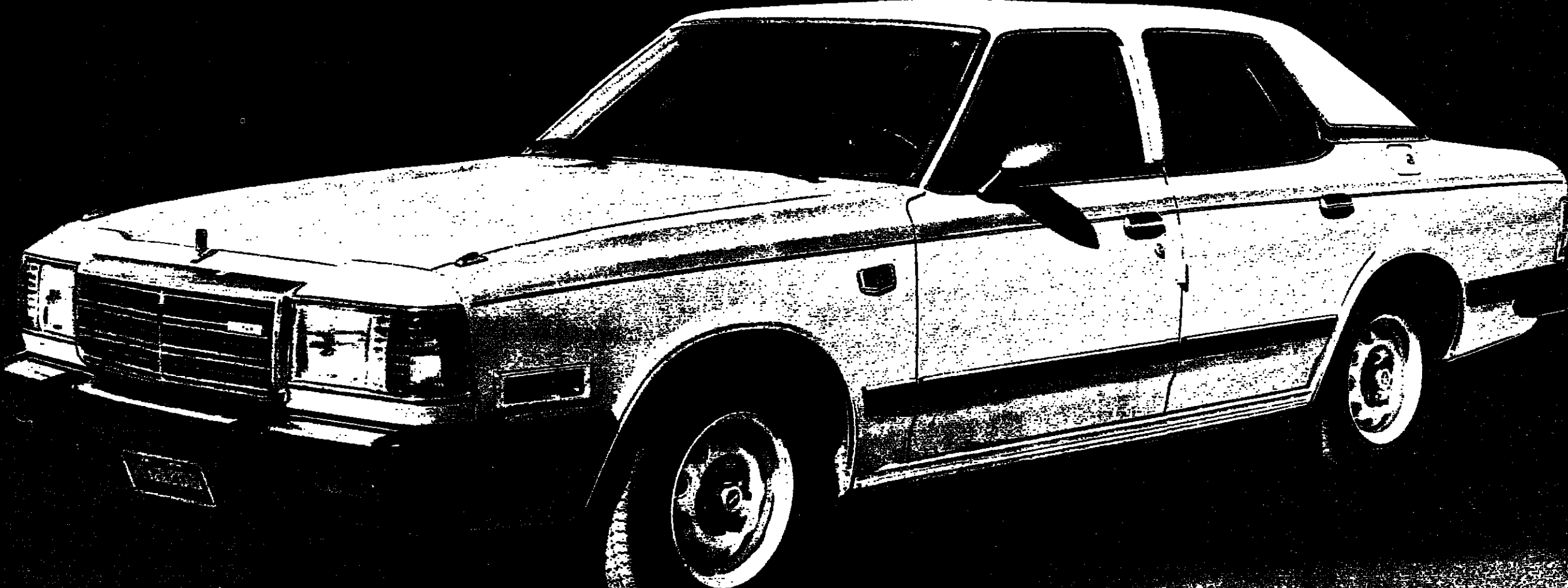
Gaza was reported quiet, but on two days earlier this week riots broke out as fundamentalists sacked cafes that served liquor and trashed the office of the Red Crescent, because the director is known as a Communist in addition to being a supporter of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Officials said, meanwhile, that working groups from Israel, Egypt and the United States would meet from Monday through Thursday next week in Egypt to discuss the Palestinian autonomy plan.



FLAG BURNED: "Russian dogs, get out of Afghanistan," shout Afghan students as they burn the flag of the pro-Soviet regime in Kabul after capturing the Afghan embassy in New Delhi last week.

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Claims law gives away secrets

CIA spying at standstill, study says

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (AP) — A 1974 law requiring that the U.S. Congress be informed of secret operations by the Central Intelligence Agency has almost put the spy organization out of the business of conducting clandestine projects, according to a privately-sponsored study.

The study says the law has given every member of Congress potential veto power over covert CIA operations because all a member has to do to stop one is to reveal its existence.

The CIA and the American Ethic, published by the Ethics and Public Policy Center, views that development as alarming. Its authors are Ernest W. Lefever and Roy Godson, both government professors at Georgetown University, in Washington.

The Lefever-Godson book reviews reforms undertaken after disclosures of the early 1970s about CIA involvement in assassination plots, drug experiments and surveillance of American citizens and mail addressed to them. It concludes that the changes

were enacted without a fully informed debate of their implications and that they went too far.

The law which the book says has almost halted clandestine operations requires the President to give eight committees of Congress "timely" information about any important CIA activity other than the collection of information.

The law's sponsors were former Senator Harold Hughes, a Democrat from Iowa, and the late Representative Leo Ryan, a Democrat from California. The measure passed as an amendment to the Foreign Assistance Act without hearings and without much White House concern, the book says.

"Under the terms of Hughes-Ryan, in practice some 30 senators and congressmen are in a position to be informed about covert operations," the authors write.

"As a practical matter, this means that about 25 staff members also share in the information. And, under the rules of the two houses, any individual member who wants to know about such operation may have access to the information as well.

"Under these circumstances, almost all former senior CIA officials concerned with clandestine activities maintain covert action has become a thing of the past," the book says.

"Covert operations can be 'vetted' in effect by a deliberate leak, a device available to any member of Congress," it says.

"Perhaps it is too early to assess the full impact of Hughes-Ryan," the book says. "Experience so far, however, tends to support the view that it has all but ruled out effective covert operations. Most of the major ones which have been brought to the attention of Congressional committees pursuant to Hughes-Ryan apparently have become public knowledge."

Peking might decline arms, Brown says

WUHAN, Communist China, Jan. 11 (AP) — Communist Chinese reluctance to become dependent on any foreign power would discourage them from buying U.S. arms, even if the United States reversed its policy and made arms available to China, U.S. Secretary of Defense Harold Brown has indicated.

Brown talked about Chinese arms policy with American reporters Thursday after seeing an air show by Chinese-made fighter jets.

The United States extended diplomatic recognition to the People's Republic in 1979, but announced that it would continue to sell defensive arms to the Nationalist Chinese government on Taiwan.

China's top leaders reportedly did not raise the subject of arms purchases during recent talks with Brown in Peking.



REFUGEES FLEE: Cambodian refugees along the Thai border flee one of the sporadic outbreaks of fighting among Cambodian factions.

18 days without food

Couple survives icy ordeal

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Jan. 11 (AP) — Two gold miners stranded in the wilderness when their kayak was crushed during a storm have been rescued after 18 days with no food.

Roger Lewis, 31, and Denise Harris, 20, his fiancée, said they survived by shooting a wolf and wrapping it around their feet for warmth.

They shot their dog for food but were unable to bring themselves to eat the raw carcass.

They were picked up by a U.S. Coast Guard helicopter late Wednesday near Gore Point, 15 miles south of Anchorage, after a pilot spotted an S.O.S. signal Lewis made of spruce boughs in the snow.

The couple's ordeal began on Dec. 16 when they decided to leave a gold mine where they had been testing ore samples near Sunrise Bay on the southern tip of the Kenai Peninsula.

Lewis said they left the area in a kayak, but bad weather forced them to shore at Gore Point on Dec. 19. The kayak was crushed by rough waves on Dec. 23, Lewis' birthday. Waves also destroyed most of their food and supplies.

Lewis said the couple and their dog began marching through deep snow along steep cliffs in search of a mining road that would take them to Seldovia on the western side of the peninsula. Lewis said they lost their remaining food and blankets the first day out.

"West started praying every night," Lewis said. "I had three bullets left in my gun and I

considered shooting the three of us, the pain was so great. But Denise said it would be better to crawl so we went on."

Choking back tears, Lewis said he killed the dog for food on Wednesday, the day they were rescued. "She chased the wolves away and she tried to keep us warm, but we got so hungry. We tried to eat her raw."

Bill Decree of Katchemak Air Service was sent by the mine's owners to pick up Jack Kenney, a third partner in the mining company. Decree picked up Kenney on Tuesday and began an air search for the couple.

1,000 Australians homeless in cyclone

PERTH, Australia, Jan. 11 (AP) — Rescuers into action Friday to save 400 persons made homeless by tropical Cyclone Amy in the iron-ore mining town of Goldsworthy, about 2,000 km north of Perth.

The operation was being hampered by torrential rain and widespread flooding which was expected to worsen in the next 24 hours.

Nearly every building was damaged when the cyclone ripped through the town of 1,000 people with destructive winds gusting up to 230 km an hour Thursday night.

Heavy rain flooded the area and washed out roads and the iron ore railway to the Pilbara town of Port Hedland.

Goldsworthy's police station was destroyed, 60 per cent of the town's homes had severe damage and another 30 per cent moderate damage.

Vigilantes hunt for Castro foes

HAVANA, Jan. 11 (R) — Overnight vigilante patrols have been stepped up in the Cuban capital following the appearance of leaflets and posters hostile to Communist President Fidel Castro.

The patrols are manned by members of neighborhood "Committees for the Defense of the Revolution," founded in 1960 as a bulwark against sabotage by anti-Castro groups.

A member of a vigilante patrol said, "Yes, it is true, the patrols have been stepped up. Before it was two persons per zone, now it is two per block. We have been told to be more alert."

During a midnight stroll through a densely populated city center district, two unarmed vigilantes were seen at most street corners.

Committees for the Defense of the Revolution have held meetings in recent days to discuss what was billed as "an important matter." Foreign correspondents are not allowed into such meetings, so it was not known whether they concerned the security measures.

The boosting of the vigilantes coincides with widespread identity checks and detentions by police in Havana in recent weeks, according to Cuban workers and students and foreign diplomats.

The crackdown is widely believed to be aimed not only at tracking those responsible for the anti-government propaganda but also at rounding up common criminals, black marketers and vagrants, while at the same time improving police discipline.

Police have been boarding buses to check identity cards, examining parcels carried by pedestrians, and stopping cars at night, workers and students say. People without documents, or with scarce goods for which they could not account, have been detained.

The crackdown has not been reported in the official Cuban press, but newspapers have published curt reminders by the Interior Ministry that the law obliges Cubans always to carry their identity cards.

Diplomats say there is no indication of any large-scale organized opposition to the government.

The crackdown coincides with the appointment as interior minister of Ramiro Valdes Menendez, described by Western diplomats as a hard-liner.

Valdes was previously interior minister from 1961 to 1968 when the Castro government faced numerous counter-revolutionary attacks.

However, a Soviet source said identity checks had already been stepped up before the return of Valdes to the ministry last month.



AMBUSH SPOT: Police surround the car in which three plainclothes officers were shot dead in a terrorist attack in Milan. The Marxist-inspired Red Brigades claimed responsibility for the killings.

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In two-hour match

Borg defeats Connors in New York

NEW YORK, Jan. 11 (AP) — Swede Bjorn Borg won a two-hour, 37-minute thriller 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 Thursday night against Jimmy Connors to clinch a berth in the semifinals of the Grand Prix Masters.

Borg took the third-set tie-breaker 7-4, a fitting, pulsating climax for a match that had the crowd of 16,753 at Madison Square Garden screaming on every point.

"But I'm not out of this thing yet," Connors said. "I'm not going to roll over and die. You may see me back here in the finals Sunday."

Connors must beat Roscoe Tanner Friday to stay alive in the chase for the championship of the Grand Prix circuit. Both have 1-1 records in the round-robin portion of the tournament. Borg is 2-0 and assured of a semifinal berth even if he closes Friday's match against winless Jose Higueras of Spain.

In the other four-man bracket, to-seeded John McEnroe raised his record to 2-0 and clinched a spot in the semifinals by beating Guillermo Vilas of Argentina 6-2, 6-3. Even if he loses to Vitas Gerulaitis Friday, he will qualify for the semis under the tie-breaking formula being used in this event.

Gerulaitis evened his record at 1-1 by beating winless Harold Solomon 6-1, 7-6 Thursday.

Nancy Lopez second

Austin voted athlete of year

NEW YORK, Jan. 11 (AP) — Tracy Austin, the youngest person ever to win the U.S. Tennis championship, has been voted the Associated Press female athlete of the year for 1979.

At age 16, Austin won the U.S. Open last September, beating long-reigning champion Chris Evert Lloyd in straight sets in the final.

Now 17 and a high school girl in California, Austin is ranked third in the world by the Women's Tennis Association, behind Martina Navratilova and Lloyd, a close grouping according to the computer points used to make the ratings.

In the nationwide balloting by sports writers and broadcasters, Austin received 72 of 205 votes. The next highest total was the 50 for golfer Nancy Lopez Melton, the AP's

female athlete of the year in 1978.

Navratilova, the two-time Wimbledon winner, was third with 33, followed by Old Dominion College basketball star Nancy Lieberman with 13 and Marathon swimmer Diana Nyad with five.

Lloyd, who has been chosen AP female athlete of the year three times (1974, 1975 and 1977), received four votes.

This is the 50th year the AP has chosen athletes of the year.

A player distinguished by her steadiness, Austin last winter beat Lloyd for the first time, and in the Italian championships last spring, she decimated Lloyd's 125-match clay-court winning streak. She was 4-2 over Lloyd for 1979 and has beaten her twice already this year. Austin was 5-6 against Navratilova.

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McEnroe broke Vilas in the sixth and eighth games of the opening set.

He also took Vilas' serve in games four and six of the second set and, except for a momentary lapse in the seventh game when Vilas broke him, McEnroe controlled the final set. He handed Vilas, who won his second straight Australian Open last week, his first loss in this event.

Rushing to the net at every opportunity, Gerulaitis used an effective volley game to hand Solomon his second loss of the competition. The top two finishers in each group of four players will advance to the semifinals of the Masters, which determines the championship of the Grand Prix tour.

Gerulaitis faces McEnroe in his next match.

In the first evening match, No. Six Roscoe Tanner eased past No. Seven Jose Higueras of Spain 7-6, 6-4, giving Tanner a 1-1 record and dropping Higueras to 0-2.

Borg took apart Tanner Wednesday night in the opening round.

After his 6-3, 6-3 defeat, Tanner said: "I played a very good player tonight and he made me play the way I did."

"He served better, his second serve came in deeper and he moved it around. He played like the best tonight."

"I am a little surprised and very pleased at how I played," said Borg, winner of his fourth consecutive Wimbledon title and the French Open last year. "It's always difficult going into the first match after not playing much the last few weeks."

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SLALOM: Bulgarian Peter Popangelov in action in the World Cup special slalom, in which he was placed first, in Leogrottes, Germany, earlier this week.

In protest

Mondale urges Games shift

DES MOINES, Iowa, Jan. 11 (Agencies) — Vice-President Walter Mondale says that the 1980 summer Olympic Games should be moved from Moscow as a protest against the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

He told a news conference he believed the games could be held either in Montreal or Munich. Both cities had the necessary facilities.

Montreal staged the Olympics in 1976 and Munich in 1972.

Mondale did not say whether President Carter shared his view.

Carter, announcing cuts in grain sales and other retaliatory measures against the Soviet Union of Friday, referred to the possibility that U.S. athletes and spectators would not go to the Moscow Olympics.

Saudi Arabia is the only country so far to announce a boycott.

Mondale said that shifting the venue would allow athletes to participate in the Olympics free of politics.

They would not have to compete "in a setting where we are, in effect, giving legitimacy to a country that has just committed this outrageous and indefensible act of aggression," he said.

In Ottawa, though, Canadian officials said it would not be feasible to shift the Games to Montreal.

Asked how the Canadian government would view such a move, an External Affairs Ministry official said the question of a transfer was premature.

On joint team

South Korea rejects Olympic idea

SEOUL, Jan. 11 (AP) — South Korea Friday rejected a North Korean proposal for a joint Korean Olympic team, citing tensions between the two nations.

Instead, South Korea proposed talks after the Olympic Games to discuss possible sports exchanges between North and South Korea.

South Korea announced its decision in a letter delivered to the North Koreans at the truce village of Panmunjom.

The letter, signed by Park Chong-kyu, chairman of the South Korean National Olympic Committee, was addressed to Kim Yu-sun, Park's North Korean counterpart.

W. Germans hold Aussies to 3-3 draw in Karachi

KARACHI, Jan. 11 (R) — West Germany, twice two goals behind, recovered to hold Olympic silver medalist Australia to a 3-3 draw in the Champions Trophy Hockey Tournament here Friday.

The point they gained gave the West Germans second place in the tournament behind Pakistan, the highest placing it has achieved in a world tournament since winning the Olympic title in 1972.

Australia, who needed to win to take the runner-up spot, wasted several chances of putting the match beyond the West Germans' reach after taking a two-goal lead in eight minutes.

The game was a personal triumph for West German captain Michael Peter, who celebrated equalling his country's record of 133 international appearances by scoring all his team's three goals. He converted a penalty stroke and two penalty corners.

Goalkeeper Klay Ludwiczak also played an important part by saving a penalty stroke taken by David Bell, who had earlier scored for Australia by converting a stroke. Jim Irvine scored both the other Australian goals from a long and a short corner.

Tuesday India, the former Olympic hockey champion, registered its first win in their last match in the Champions Trophy when it beat Britain 6-3.

It recovered from a two goals deficit to level at 2-2 by half time.

Britain, which has led in all six of its matches, finished the event without a win. India fielded its younger players who maintained the fine form they showed against West Germany.

Goals were scored by Zafar Iqbal, Sukhbir Grewal (2), Davinder Singh (2) and Bhaskaran. Bob Carrall scored two of Britain's goals from corners and Norman Hughes hit first international goal.

India's win coupled with Spain's 4-0 defeat by the Netherlands took it into fifth place in the table.

The Netherlands showed it had recovered from its 7-3 defeat by Australia on Tuesday.

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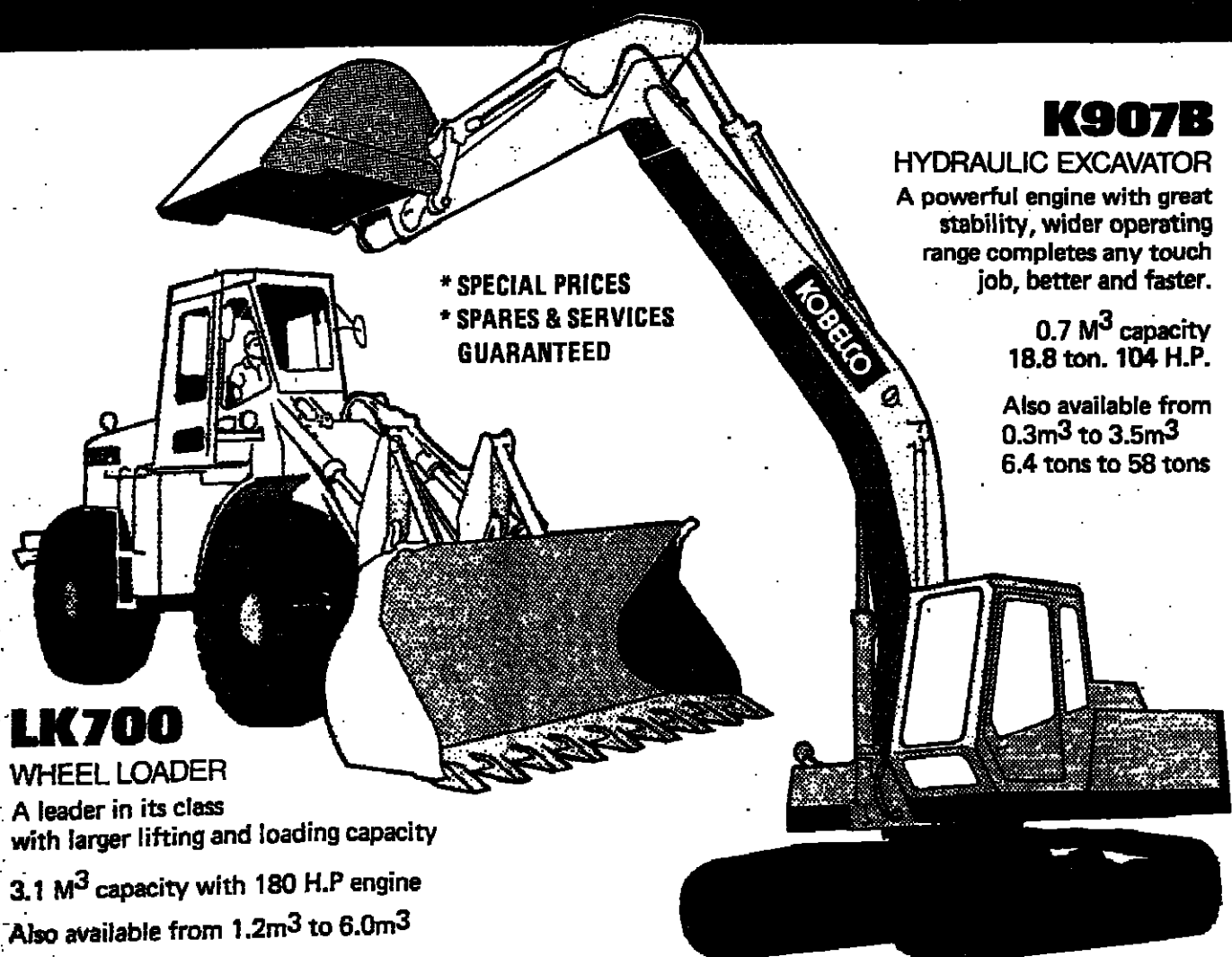
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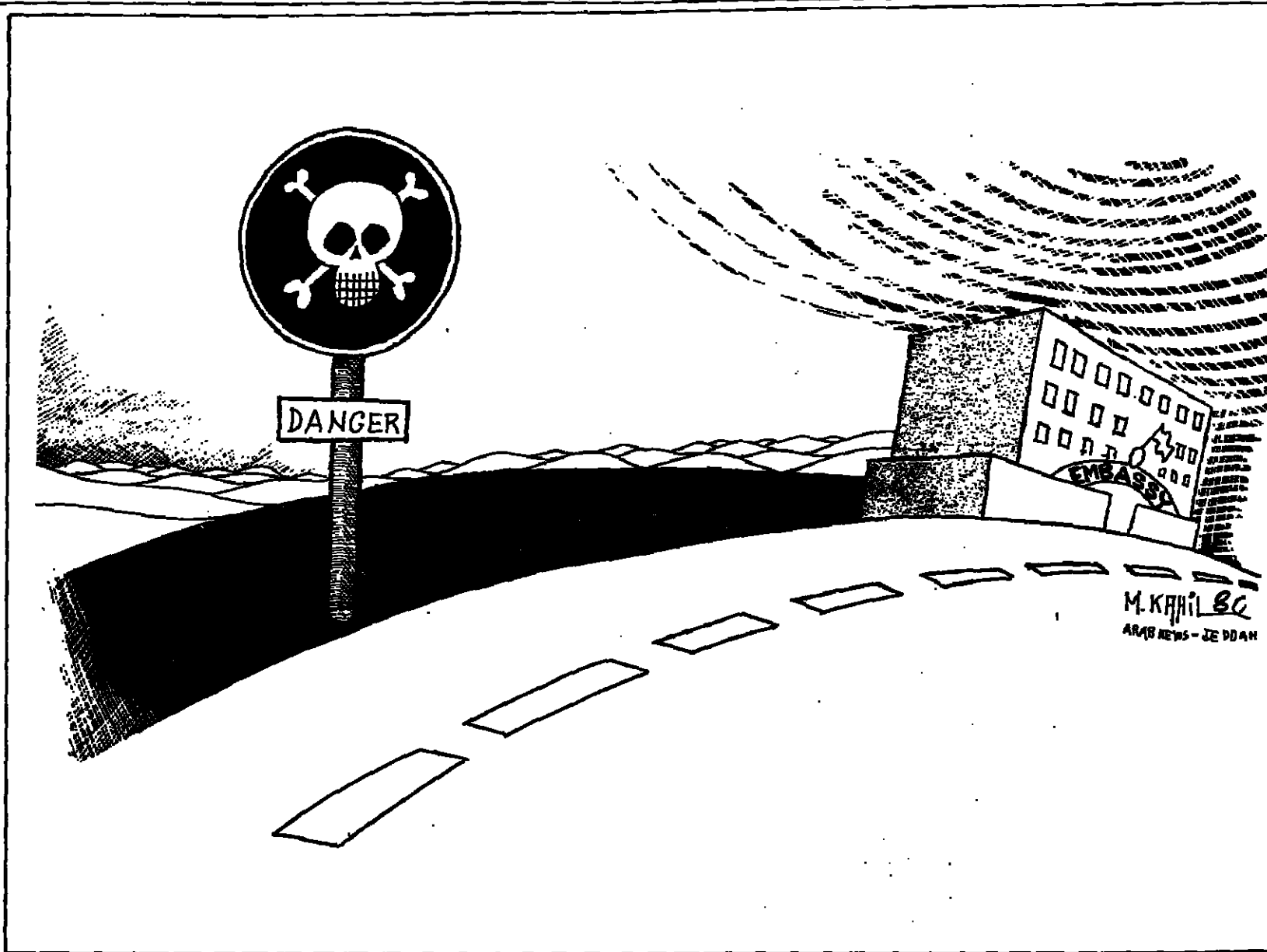
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Watergate 'was CIA plot to destroy Nixon'

By Paul MacDonald

WASHINGTON — A Washington author has uncovered some startling new evidence that may bring the whole Watergate scandal back under the are lights.

Most Americans — like most Europeans — now find the affair tedious in the extreme, and the meticulous research by the author, Jim Hougan, is already showing signs of having suffered from a combination of the Christmas holidays and political ennui.

Yet his findings are truly compelling. They indicate that the whole story of Watergate, which gripped the country for three long years, requires — with the single exception of President Nixon's culpability — the most profound re-examination.

The discoveries Hougan has made indicate beyond any reasonable doubt what no one has yet been able to prove, but which many have suspected from the moment of the break-in in 17 June, 1972: that the crime was designed to be discovered.

Who designed it, and why, remain the two questions that not even Hougan, who writes in the current issue of *Harper's*, has dared to answer.

The most common speculation — and it remains only that, save that it is speculation based on an adequate amount of circumstantial evidence — is that the Central Intelligence Agency wanted Watergate exposed and Richard Nixon embarrassed.

The agency might even have wanted Nixon to resign, as he ultimately did: though precisely why remains a mystery. Some say it was because the mandarins at the agency's headquarters were fearful of Nixon's steady usurpation of peripheral power, drawing it all in upon a small coven of trusted operatives.

Most people here, who find Hougan's evidence persuasive, simply do not know why the agency would want to do such a thing — but would nonetheless not put it past the men who then ran it.

"If they can arrange for Castro's beard to fall out they can sure fix Dick Nixon," said one prominent Washington columnist after reading the *Harper's* article.

The question of CIA motive will probably go unanswered until all those other untidy details of the affair are settled: What was in the celebrated 18½ minutes of erased Oval Office tape? Who was "Deep Throat"? And so on.

To delve back into Watergate requires a brief summary of the drama and the *dramatis personae*. Early in June 1972 the White House conceived a program, codenamed "Operation Gemstone," which was designed to discover the dirty secrets of those Democrats who might be planning to run against President Nixon in that autumn's presidential election.

Two men, Howard Hunt and Gordon Liddy, were hired to put the plan into effect. One of their many operations was the bugging of the offices of the Democratic National Committee, on the sixth floor of the Watergate office building in central Washington. Hunt hired James McCord, an ex-CIA

man with a long background in electronic surveillance, to do the job.

For reasons which have never been fully explained, it was decided some time later to break into the offices. Accordingly two rooms were booked at the Howard Johnson Motel next to the Watergate, above each other and separated by four floors.

In the upper room, watching and listening to the DNC offices, were McCord and his hired help, Alfred Baldwin; below was the break-in team of Howard Hunt and four hired Cubans.

This was the night of 16 June. McCord taped open the locks of one of the Watergate basement doors and then returned to his aerie to watch for the last DNC worker to leave. Once he gave the all-clear, the break-in team could go in and raid the place for whatever documents they might need.

Throughout investigations into the break-in McCord staunchly denied that anyone else was on the scene that night. But, says Hougan, another "spook" was there — a mysterious individual named Lou Russell, who attempted virtually all that celebrated night to equip himself with an alibi suggesting he was elsewhere.

In fact he was with McCord, plotting something still unknown — and something for which he was rewarded, if he promised to keep his mouth shut, with a new car, a house and spending money for the rest of his life. (It turned out to be a relatively inexpensive purchase: he died suddenly, two years after the scandal he had so delicately managed to avoid.)

Russell's involvement establishes that McCord did not tell the truth at his subsequent interrogation: there was something he wanted to hide, although until Hougan's investigation, no one could be sure what that was.

Now we are sure. From a meticulous study of the police logs for that night, by checking and rechecking the calls made by the security guard who first discovered McCord's clumsy taping of the basement door (a discovery that led to police being called) by scrutinizing long-forgotten testimony and unsaleable books on the more arcane aspects of the case, a number of technical discrepancies have become apparent. They all point to one conclusion.

James McCord, although pretending to be cautious and careful, deliberately led his colleagues — and himself — into a trap. He planned the burglary in such a way as to ensure that the police found the gang at work.

Indeed, the crime was being committed, Hougan has now discovered, a full 15 minutes after police had been called to the building.

McCord, it is suggested, arranged for the radio links with the burglars to be severed so they could not be warned. He delayed starting the operation until he could be sure the police were well on the trail he had laid. He was caught himself — but as part of an elaborate setup, and not because of mere clumsy villainy.

Hougan writes: "As for McCord, it has been shown that at every juncture of the break-in he made decisions that proved catastrophic, applied

"trade craft" that was ludicrous, and misled his accomplices about matters that were either incriminating to himself or strategic to the break-in's failure — all of which made the team's apprehension inevitable.

"That a career CIA officer like McCord should blunder so completely is about as likely as a podiatrist (chiropractist) accidentally decapitating his patient. It is even less likely, since incompetence will not suffice as an explanation for McCord's fabrications.

"Those who choose to believe that the burglary failed through the incompetence of the perpetrators are advancing a theory that pretends towards sophistication but which is, in fact, naive.

"Repeated mistakes and bad luck are one thing, but a pattern of deception is another. In the end there is no innocent explanation for McCord's action."

But why would McCord have done it? Hougan, like the rest of a newly fascinated America, is only guessing. — (OFNS)

Giscard leaves Barre no exit

By Robin Smyth

PARIS — French Prime Minister Raymond Barre begins the New Year lost in a constitutional labyrinth from which there may be no exit.

Leader of a majority divided against itself, deprived of his budget by the watchdogs of the constitution, and publicly criticized by the president who chose him, Barre is in a position where most prime ministers throw in their hand and demand a new mandate from the electorate.

President Giscard d'Estaing has made it clear however that he has no intention of calling voters of the polls until the presidential election of 1981, when presumably he will be standing for a second term.

The question raised by the latest political crisis — the Constitutional Council's decision to declare the budget void — is whether the deadlock can continue for another year without alienating public sympathy from a president and a government leader who cannot make the system work.

There was a mood of listlessness and derision in the National Assembly corridors recently when deputies were called back from their holidays to start from scratch on a budget which had taken two months to force through parliament.

If Barre had been called to order for bypassing the National Assembly through indiscriminate use of Article 49 (the "vote of confidence" clause in the constitution), there would be a certain excitement in the replay of the budget contest.

But there is no constitutional objection to Article 49, which allows a government to push legislation through if the opposition is unable to muster a successful vote of censure. Article 49 has been used before and will be invoked again.

Barre was found guilty of a mere technicality. In his haste to escape from the dead weight of the

Finland bows to Soviet pressure

By Chris Morgenson

HELSINKI — NATO's plans to introduce new nuclear weapons into Europe have met fierce opposition in Finland. The line taken by demonstrators and by most political commentators is that the weapons will alter the balance of power between the Soviet Union and the West, posing a threat to world peace.

But behind these pious utterances is fear that Russia may invoke its 1948 treaty with Finland, a treaty of "friendship, cooperation and mutual assistance."

"When you have friends like Russia, you certainly don't need enemies," said one government official here.

Under the treaty Finland is pledged to repel any attack on the Soviet Union by Germany, or nations allied to Germany, while the Russians are pledged to defend Finland if it is attacked by such forces.

Fins were given a nasty reminder about the treaty and its implications in a recent article in the news magazine *Suomen Kuvalehti*. The article was signed Juri Komissarov, a pen-name used on reports that represent the official position of the Soviet Union.

"By developing middle-range American weapons systems and placing them on the borders of the Soviet Union and other Socialist countries, NATO clearly wishes to create a superior European military force compared with the Warsaw Pact countries," said the article.

"It is clear that, in such a situation, the Soviet Union and all its allies must take counter-measures to ensure their security and protect the strategic power balance."

For Fins used to living with "the bear next door" the article was seen as an invitation to agitation against the new NATO weapons. Since then press criticism of the NATO move and carefully organized demonstrations have multiplied.

Finland's delicate position was underlined by a new trade pact last month with the Soviet Union. It allows for a 20 per cent increase in Finnish exports to the USSR this year to compensate for the rising price of the crude oil Fins buy from Russia. Finnish exports — mostly of heavy machinery, ships and food — will increase to a record 18 billion Finnish marks (\$4.8 billion).

The price of the agreement is continuation of a remarkable balancing act performed for more than 20 years by President Urho Kekkonen and summed up most clearly by his predecessor, J.K. Paasikivi, in these words: "Good relations with Russia are, and always will be of prime importance to Finland. Geography and history have determined this. In foreign policy we must think geographically... some people easily forget to look at the map."

Occasionally the balancing act tilts over into plain obsequiousness, as with the recent banning by Finnish TV of the British series "The Bear Next Door," which looked at countries which have a common border with Russia. (OFNS)

CLEAR POLICY

In his interview with the press, Crown Prince Fahd made his stand absolutely clear on several issues, especially those pertaining to the major problem facing the Arab nation: that of Palestine. The prince's statements will go a long way towards resolving the uncertainty and indecision in which the Arab anti-Camp David states find themselves.

The Saudi position comes out in the interview as one of uncompromising rejection for any denial of Palestinian rights; an equally resolute refusal to grant any foreign power a role in the struggle for Arab rights, the prince made clear that the Kingdom will not hesitate to use it if and when need arises. But, at the same time, he warned that the use of oil as a political weapon is a matter too serious to be jiggered about lightly. Indeed, he pointed out, the more such proliferates the less seriously the threat will be taken.

Most importantly of all, perhaps, the prince disclosed that if Arabia has a clear understanding with President Carter for an immediate American recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organization whenever the latter recognized an amended version of U.N. Resolution 242. The significance of this is the shift of the American stand from the original policy formulated by Henry Kissinger, which linked an American recognition to a prior, unqualified PLO recognition of Israel.

The new stand could be seen to remove many of the obstacles on the way to a renewed American-Arab dialogue over Palestine, preparing the way for a just, comprehensive solution, in which the historic wrong inflicted on the Palestinian people is at least righted. More specifically, it affords the United States the opportunity to correct its disastrous mistake over Camp David and the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty that stemmed from it; that empty "peace process" which was designed to shelve the issue of Palestinian rights.

The other parties to Camp David are giving signs of realizing the change in the American position. Dr. Buzos Ghali, Egypt's foreign minister said the other day that failure to tackle the Palestinian issue will void the Egyptian-Israeli treaty of much of its content: making the peace it brings a "paper peace."

saudi press review

Weekend newspapers led with the execution of 63 of the band of renegades who assaulted the Holy Haram of Mecca Nov. 20.

All the newspapers frontpaged details of the executions which took place in eight different towns: they also mentioned royal clemency toward the women and children who had taken part in the assault. According to the royal order, each of the women has been awarded a prison term of two years while the minors have been ordered kept at the Welfare Center to undergo reform and education.

In a front-page story, newspapers reported that an Islamic Foreign Ministers' conference was likely to be held Jan. 26 to discuss the Soviet onslaught in Afghanistan. *Al-Nadwa* frontpaged Russia's reported advance toward Pakistan, while *Al Medina* predicted that a number of Islamic states might cut off diplomatic

relations with the Communist regime in Kabul.

Newspapers dealt with the executions and said the judgement was in conformity with the bounds set by God, and added that this band had injured the feelings of every Muslim with their desecration of the Holy Haram. The papers also dwelled on Crown Prince Fahd's statement that covered the issues of domestic and foreign concern.

Condemning the renegades, *Al Jazirah* said they had turned a deaf ear to the call of righteousness and led themselves to commit ignoble crimes inside the House of God and further compelled innocent Muslims to declare their allegiance to the spurious Mehdi. The paper lauded the King's clemency to women and children who had taken part in the crime and described the royal gesture as a fine example of Islamic teachings within the bounds of God.

Dealing with the Crown Prince's statement, *Al Jazirah* endorsed his view that the Arab cause has become an international issue. It said that the Crown Prince's call for Arab leaders to map out a unified strategy was a fresh initiative of Saudi Arabia. It added that the Kingdom's stance on energy matters was based on moral principles and a sense of responsibility toward the world community.

Okaz also concentrated on Prince Fahd's statement which, it said, clarified Saudi Arabia's policy and its role in reinforcing contacts with the international community while keeping itself attached to the higher interests of the Arab nation. The hostile propaganda campaigns by the outside world against Saudi Arabia cannot affect its stances because of its clear policy toward the Arab and international issues, it added.

Dealing with the execution of

the renegades, *Al Riyadh* said the decision was a natural response to the injunctions of the Islamic law, adding that this assault was an attempt to come out of isolation and demonstrate hatred against development and progress of the Muslim individual.

Al Bilad also said that Wednesday's executions were a lesson for anyone who was tempted to revolt against authority and create dissension on earth. The judgement has comforted the Muslims who were shocked by the renegades' assault of the holiest place on earth, it said.

Okaz said that the heretic clique received a befitting punishment for its satanic actions. It added that the Kingdom's firm adherence to Islamic laws has commanded international respect. It urged the Islamic world to follow Saudi Arabia in the enforcement of divine laws that straighten their internal and external affairs.

On the same subject, *Al Medina* said that Islam has provided firm safeguards against anything that threatened Muslim security. The religious rulings reveal that the heretic gang had no understanding of the precepts of religion, it said.

The Muslims of Saudi Arabia and other countries have greatly admired the government

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attitudes regarding the Palestinian question.

Q — Reports describing coup attempts, disturbances and embezzlements at the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency and Petromin have been circulated and published in the *Herald Tribune* and *New York Times*. How do you respond to these reports?

A — I have no specific information about them but I have evidence that the sources are Zionist. They have forged many stories, with a lot of imagination but no truth at all.

Zionists and Zionist media waged a war of words against us during the events at the mosque which convinced us that our policy of silence will no longer be adequate. We should help those who want the truth to get it, and explain our policy, internally, regionally and internationally. We have to hit back at those who are out to hurt us.

Q — The former President of Lebanon Kamell Chamoun said he warned the Saudi Arabian ambassador in Beirut of the mosque event before it happened and told him about the sources of arms being smuggled into Saudi Arabia. Is this true?

A — I did not hear this story until recently. Our ambassador was not in Lebanon at the time Chamoun specified. Our country is vast and smuggling is hard to prevent. Carrying arms in the Kingdom is legal and many people consider it an essential ingredient of their manhood. But what hurts me is the vicious campaign published by Chamoun's newspaper *Al-Ahwar* which has no relation to the truth whatsoever.

Q — Don't you think that the U.S. Administration has any connection with them. You have reportedly spoken to the U.S. government about this.

A — This is true. They told me that the American press is free to criticize even President Carter and the government. We said we were friends of the American people and have a special relationship with them. We do not mind criticism, but we did mind lies. The American press and the people have no interest in attacking us at a time when few states dare to declare their friendship with the U.S. Our friendship is based on interests and there is no single American state which does not benefit from this friendship.

Q — Do you want to say that these vicious press attacks are also against the interests of the United States?

A — Yes. And we have received hundreds of cables and letters from influential Americans condemning these campaigns. We do not want the Americans to support us right or wrong. But they should support right and justice. We cannot accept a one-sided friendship. There are many doors open to us and we can replace the Americans any time we want.

Q — With whom?

A — All the countries of Western Europe can give us the industry, technology and arms we want. But we are sincere friends at a time when sincerity may appear old fashioned, but this is our tradition. We hope that these vicious campaigns will come to a halt and hope

that the most recent ones will be the last.

Q — Is it true that a new press campaign is being readied against Saudi Arabia and the ruling family?

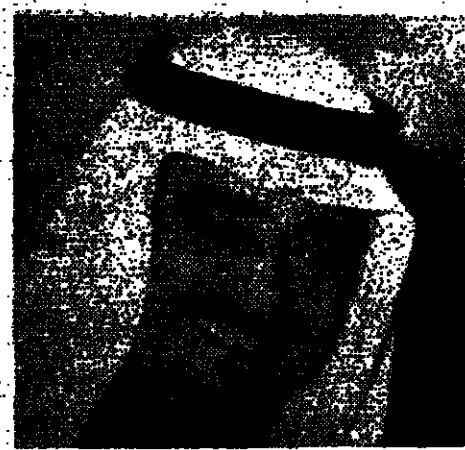
A — It is possible, but when this happens we shall not remain silent. We have been quite too long. I think there are a few wise men in the U.S. who realize the importance of their interests with Saudi Arabia. They must stand up to these campaigns and ask themselves if the American line is identical to that of Israel which wants to hurt the Arabs and monopolize the United States and destroy American relations with us because of our leading role in the Arab world. We help the confrontation states and the Palestinians in every way we can and support the Palestinian struggle to regain their lands and sovereignty. Of course, Israel does not like that. It may be more flexible with Arabs who adopt its policy, but only to some extent because Israel has no friends, but seeks to consolidate itself at all times. The proof is in its relations with Sadat. What has it given him in place of all the Arab aid and friendship which he sacrificed? Only the other day Begin said it was absurd of Sadat to talk about returning the occupied West Bank and Gaza to the Arabs because those lands were liberated Jewish lands and not occupied by Israel. This shows you that friendship with Israel is neither useful nor beneficial.

Q — It is said in Palestinian circles that you received a pledge from the U.S. Administration to prevent Israel from building further settlements in the West Bank and Gaza but Begin is announcing further expansion of his settlement policy. What is the situation?

A — The story is not accurate. I discussed the situation with President Carter during my visit two years ago. He was, in fairness to him, quite enthusiastic about upholding Arab rights and supporting their fair demands. We never asked the President to stand against Israel but to support right and justice and this is our right. Israel demands the denial of Arab rights and this was the main issue discussed with the President. He was convinced that the Arab lands occupied in 1967 should be restored and convinced, too, that the Palestinians should have their legitimate rights. My understanding was that the President agreed that Israel should withdraw from the lands occupied in 1967. If things have changed, it does not mean that we should give up claiming our rights, but we should prepare to make them our foremost issue.

It has made us relatively optimistic to read and hear of increasing West European support, and even some in the United States where a presidential candidate has announced that he was entering the race on the basis of returning the occupied lands to the Arabs and the withdrawal of Israel to the 1967 borders. (The candidate referred to is John Connally.)

Our demands are now an international issue and our leaders must agree on a certain plan of action and this cannot be



done unless they rise above petty differences.

Q — Two years have passed since the withdrawal of Egypt from the Arab arena, and the Baghdad summit states have not agreed on a common strategy. If they are agreed on opposing the Camp David agreements, why hasn't a strategy of action been organized?

A — Failure to agree on a strategy does not mean we should stop trying to demand one.

Q — What is the obstacle, what prevents an agreement?

A — We have agreed on the principle, and the idea, but we need to rise above petty differences and personal animosities and refrain from trying to impose certain desires because such attempts confuse Arab ranks and make way for our enemies to exploit our differences. I cannot say that we are agreed on the kind of internal regimes that should be adopted by the Arab states but we should agree on our mutual interests which are the supreme Arab interest.

Q — Does the Kingdom have its own strategy or opposition to the Camp David agreements? Will the oil trump card be used as a weapon?

A — We believe that oil is so important that we should keep it away from controversies. It is very easy to appear on television and say things that we imagine might please the people. Oil is not a personal weapon owned by one party but a basic material on which our life and that of others depend. We should protect it from uncontrollable currents so that we do not find ourselves in a situation unable to control it.

Q — During the OPEC conference you instructed Sheikh Yamani not to raise the price of oil beyond \$ 24 per barrel and to announce that the Kingdom will continue its present production, of 9.5 million barrels per day until the spring. What did you get from Carter by in return?

A — The issue is not between us and Carter but between the Kingdom and the whole world. Oil, like water and wheat, is not a secondary commodity but a basic material which is of life and death importance for the world and not only the industrialized countries. There are many countries which cannot bear the increase in oil prices when these increases become too steep. In such cases you either let them suffer or help them financially. This will look like we are telling the industrialized states that the

increases were aimed against them. These states include Western Europe and Japan which stand with us and not against us. If we lose these states which depend on oil because we want steep increases, we shall have mobilized the world against us. That's what prompted me to tell Sheikh Yamani that our policy should be reasonable and cordial when he told me that the atmosphere at Caracas was in favor of big increases.

Q — This stands to reason, but what is the wisdom in sticking to the dollar in selling oil. Why? don't you diversify the currencies you accept so that you may be protected in the event of one of them falling in value?

A — We know that the Kingdom's assets and those of other oil states are in dollars so what is our interest in creating a crisis for the dollar for which we will have to pay. What other currencies can replace the dollar, the yen, franc, mark or gold? These are in some ways tied up to the dollar. We should not be compelled by emotion or anger to decide on things which can do harm to us.

Q — But the dollar is falling constantly. Why don't you ask the U.S. to compensate you so that you may be secure against rising prices, falling value of currencies and the rise in oil prices?

A — We are discussing these matters with the United States because of the violent fluctuations in the price of the dollar. Its relationship to gold has reached a stage that could not be imagined. I also think that international events which created tension between the East and the West, like Iran and the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, have led to panic speculation. There is genuine fear of a third world war. The U.S. is threatening, the Soviet are doing what suits them in Afghanistan and the states of Europe are consulting each other.

Q — Why consider the regime in Afghanistan as threatening the region when right here we have the South Yemeni regime already closely committed to the Soviet Union?

A — I met with President Abdul Fatah Ismail of South Yemen during the Tunis summit. We discussed a number of issues and I think he understood our viewpoint. I told him we had no objection to any Arab government taking advantage of any assistance given to it by a superpower, Eastern or Western, but to be wholly committed to that power is neither in the interest of the government or the neighboring ones. I told him that Saudi Arabia did not wish to offend South Yemen and does not need more land or more money. On the contrary we are ready to help South Yemen once we are convinced that it does not wish to hurt us or our system.

Q — You refused to let the Americans have any kind of military presence in the Kingdom while South Yemen signed a mutual defense treaty with the Soviet Union.

A — I asked President Ismail about this and he said it was a friendship treaty and does not involve any commitment.

Q — Did you believe this? The Soviet Union entered Afghanistan on the basis of a friendship treaty like the one between Aden and Moscow.

A — This is what I heard and we cannot build our attitudes on mistrust. When he comes here we shall again discuss our relationships and the effect of international commitments. We shall dispel any suspicion of illwill regarding our neighbors' regimes or international relations. But it is important that such relations should not be capitulationist which allows the superpower to take over the country. The big powers have their interests and we have to consider the criteria. When there is a relationship between a big power with a population of 200 million and a small one with a population of one million, the possibility of the latter being swept away by force arises, as was the case in Afghanistan.

Q — And what are your relationship with Iran?

A — We have sought and are seeking good relations with Iran. We live in the same region and it is neither in our interest nor in their interest to have any misunderstanding, especially since that regime is operating under the Islamic Sharia, which we adopt here.

Q — Don't you think that the Iranian revolution has aroused religious currents in the region, particularly in the Kingdom?

A — Events in any country in the region must leave some effect, direct, or indirect, for these events are like pebbles thrown into a lake causing ripples extending to the shores. What happened in Iran is a huge event and from the beginning we have desired to respect the wishes of the people and have excellent relations with the new regime. When a few offensive statements were made, we met with officials and they assured us that they did not represent those of the government of the Imam but were merely private opinions. We were pleased with this explanation. When the events of the mosque took place and there were reports of Iranian involvement, we denied it, because it was not true. On the other hand the Imam Khomeini condemned the attack on the holy place.

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Q — President Sadat said that you are afraid of facing up to Khomeini and overlook the harm he is doing to Islam and Muslims.

A — Sadat wants to drag us into a policy which we don't believe is useful. Besides, he is biased against Khomeini. His relations with Iran are bad and we have no desire and we see no value in taking him seriously. We respect Khomeini's convictions and shall not change our attitude to him or to Iran as Sadat wants us to do.

Q — Is it true that you warned Carter against a plan to assassinate Khomeini?

A — Not true. Nothing of the sort happened. Carter wants to assassinate Khomeini? This is the first time I've heard this news. I have no knowledge that Carter thought about it, we never asked Carter anything about this matter.

Q — Toward the end of King Faisal's reign there was talk about drawing up a constitution. You proposed forming a consultative council. Why has it taken so long to carry out these proposals?

A — This matter has been in our mind for a long time and we are eager to study it carefully and comprehensively. What you call a constitution we call the "basic system of rule." We have completed most of its 200 articles, all of them derived from Islamic legislation.

Q — Will this take long?

A — We should finish within two months. Together with the basic system of rule there will be an announcement about the consultative council which will be complementary to the council of ministers.

Q — Will this be preceded by ministerial changes?

A — The desired change will not involve only personalities but also new government concepts.

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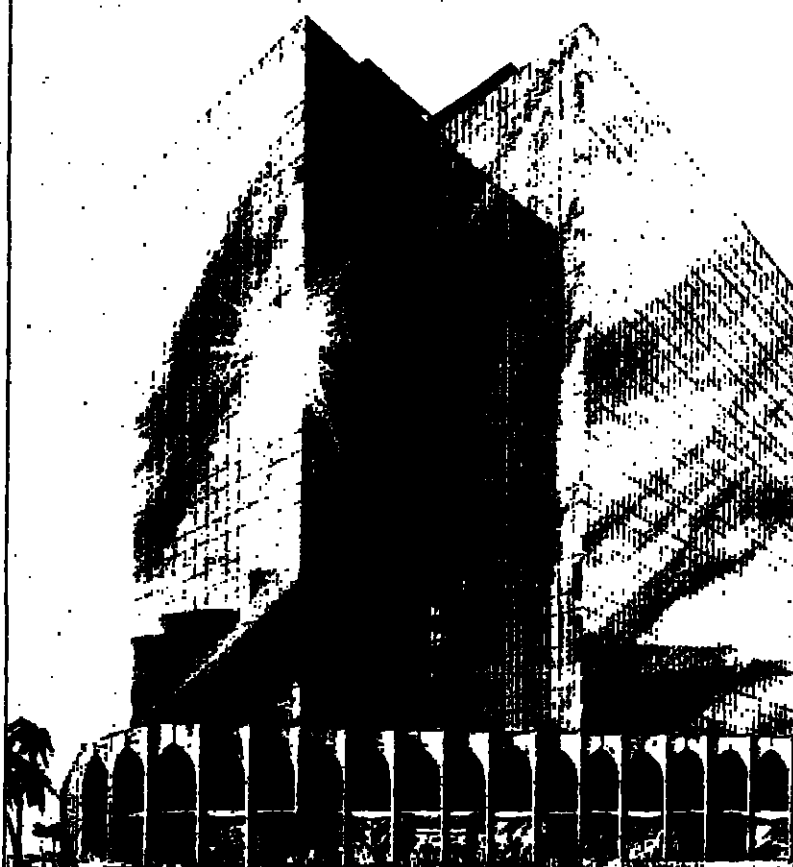
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Energy needs dominate world economic outlook

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 11 (AP) — The global economic outlook depends on the successful search for energy, international economists at the University of California's World Economic Outlook Conference said Thursday.

Tony Finizza, manager of environmental analysis for the Atlantic Richfield Co., said government action would determine the longer-term energy outlook for the United States.

"With price decontrol, we should be able to develop alternative energy sources," Finizza said. "However, these sources will not be able to provide us with sufficient energy until the 1990s. In the 1980s, the

Oil discovered in Madagascar

MADAGASCAR, Jan. 11 (R) — Madagascar said Thursday it had discovered oil and would become a net exporter by 1985. President Didier Ratsiraka made the announcement in a speech to government officials and the diplomatic corps. He said oil and gas had been discovered very recently, but he declined to give any details for "reasons of produce."

The Indian Ocean island has recently been suffering from a serious shortage of oil products, with long lines of cars in front of gasoline stations.

Ratsiraka said in a New Year message, that the 70 per cent increase in the price of oil in 1979 was having profound repercussions on Madagascar's economy.

The government is spending about \$10 million on oil prospecting, and World Bank officials have said that they could help with finance.

Madagascar's oil bill is about \$65 million a year.

Ratsiraka said in his message that the government had decided to exploit tar sands at Bemolanga in the west. The deposit is estimated at three billion tons, of which 780 million are recoverable.

major new source of energy will be conservation."

Double-digit inflation is expected to continue in the U.S. throughout this year, the forecasters said, with the nation's real gross national product expected to drop 1.7 per cent and unemployment to average 7.4 per cent. Both new car sales and housing starts will fall sharply in 1980, the economists said, with the Federal Reserve Board expected to continue its tight money policies.

John Clinkard, manager of economic forecasting and statistics for the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, said the outlook for Canada's economy depends heavily on events in the U.S.

Clinkard said Canadian exports to the U.S. are expected to continue to be weak and projected an overall trade deficit of \$7 billion for Canada this year. Unemployment is expected to rise from 7.5 per cent to about 8.2 per cent.

The growth rate of the Japanese economy will be lower than expected because of a weaker yen and tighter monetary policies, said Charles Stancomb, executive director of Economic Models Limited of London. Stancomb said Japan's GNP will nonetheless grow by about five per cent in 1980, a strong showing compared to other nations.

Stancomb said Great Britain's economy is expected to show zero growth for 1979 with a decline of just over one per cent expected for 1980. He said inflation will continue at double-digit levels with unemployment expected to rise to 6.4 per cent by the end of the year.

"On the European continent, Germany can be expected to avoid a genuine recession with a growth of real GNP at 3.7 per cent in 1979 and 2.4 per cent in 1980," Stancomb said. German inflation will average 4.5 per cent for 1979 but may worsen in 1980, Stancomb said, with unemployment expected to average 4.3 per cent in 1980.

Stancomb forecast a growth rate of 2.8 per cent for the French economy in 1980 with continued high inflation. The Italian economy will grow about 1.9 per cent this year, he said, with inflation dropping from 18 per cent to 16 per cent.

Argentina won't boycott Soviet Union

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 11 (AP) — The Argentina government said Thursday it condemns the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, but will not participate in a U.S.-proposed grain boycott against the Soviet Union.

A foreign ministry communique announced that the military government will send representatives to a meeting of grain producers in Washington on Saturday to discuss a possible embargo against the Soviets.

But, the communique said, Argentina opposes the application of economic sanctions as part of foreign policy. The document also expressed the country's support of the principles of self-determination of nations and noninterference in the internal affairs of other countries.

The communique was issued following a Wednesday night meeting of president Jorge R. Videla and his ministers of foreign relations and economy, Carlos W. Pastor and Jose Martinez De Hoz.

Official sources had indicated that Argentina's decision was a delicate one in view of the fact that the Soviet Union is a major buyer of Argentine grain products. The Soviets purchased 1.8 million tons of Argentine corn and 238,000 tons of wheat last year.

Trade between the two countries totalled \$355 million last year, including more than \$300 million of Argentine exports to the Soviet Union.

Agriculture Undersecretary Canilo Bombal said Wednesday that the Soviets have ordered one million tons of the 3.5 million tons of wheat that will be available for export in 1980.

Carter announces more aid to farmers

EEC won't fill Soviet grain gap

BRUSSELS, Jan. 11 (AP) — The European Common Market confirmed Friday it will maintain food aid to the Soviet Union at present levels, in effect a promise not to fill the gap created by the U.S. suspension of grain shipments there.

The nine-member community exports little grain to the Soviets but the European commission said it will strengthen controls on exports to the East in order to prevent food from being diverted from Third World countries to Russia, the spokesman said.

"The commission already has a control system for quantities exported to the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe but it is now changing its system in order to improve control," the commission statement said.

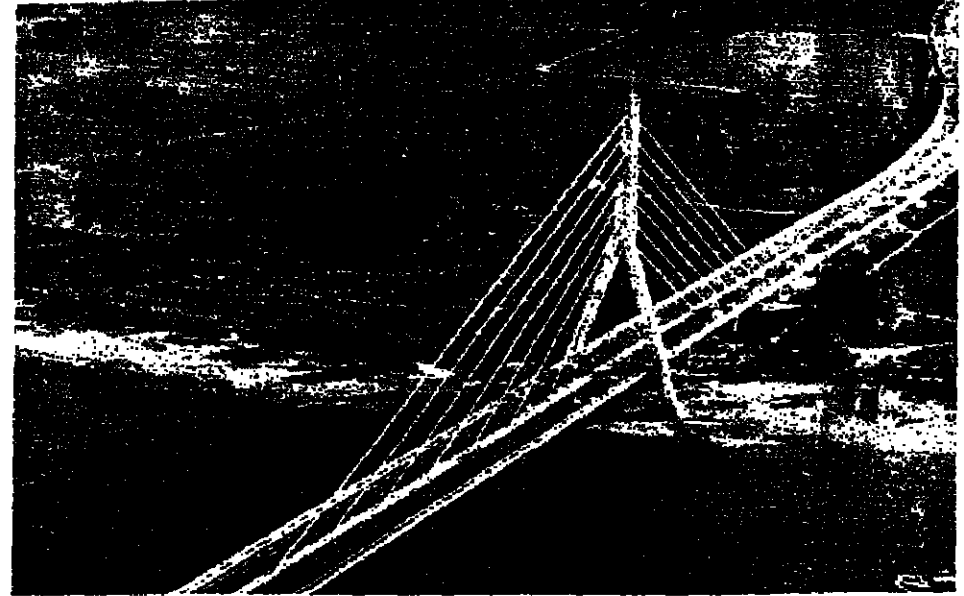
It also announced the suspension of food aid to Afghanistan because its arrival there cannot be guaranteed.

Market declines in heavy trading

NEW YORK, Jan. 11 — After opening sharply higher in heavy trading, stock prices gave up some of their early gains, recovered somewhat, to finally dip into negative territory closing down on the day 1.62 to 850.09 on the third highest volume in history of 65.77 million shares. The Dow Jones Transport Index gained .68 to 253.85 and the Dow Jones Utilities gained .51 to 109.10. New U.S. housing sales fell 12.5 per cent in November from October. A 24.8 per cent decline from November 1978.

Silver issues were positive on reactionary tendencies from the past few days with HECLA Mining up 1 1/4 to 40 1/4, Rosario Resources gained 1/2 to 57, Day Mines up 1 1/2 to 33 1/4 and Callahan Mining gained 1/4 to 34 1/4. Metal issues were mixed with ASARCO down 2 1/2 to 1/2, Phelps Dodge lost 1/4 to 31 1/2, Alcan gained 2 1/2 to 52 1/4, Kaiser gained 1/2 to 21 1/4, Reynolds Metals gained 1 to 37 1/4 and Alcoa gained 1/2 to 57 1/4.

Among the aerospace and airline issues, Tele-dyne dropped 3 1/4 to 142 1/4, Thiokol Corp. lost 3



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Japan seeks Australia's partnership

Pacific trading bloc foreseen

SYDNEY, Jan. 11 (R) — The concept of a vast Pacific economic community, dwarfing the world's present trading groups, could well take root at talks next week between Australia and Japan.

The idea, little discussed outside the region but rooted for many years in this part of the world, is expected to loom large when Japanese Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira flies here next Tuesday, according to Australian officials.

Japan's reliance on Australian energy resources, growing because of the Iranian crisis, is another major topic for discussion

during the visit. Ohira will also fly to New Zealand for talks during his five-day tour.

But his sessions with Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser are expected to concentrate on the Japanese prime minister's project of a trading community linking nations in the Pacific basin.

The bloc, grouping Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Southeast Asian nations and possibly the United States and Canada, is potentially larger than the European Economic Community (EEC) and other economic groups.

The proposal in its present form began taking shape last November with an in-depth Japanese study ordered by Ohira on ways to enhance cooperation among Pacific nations. It concluded that the time was ripe for creation of a regional community.

The Australians drew up their own 100-page report examining the pros and cons of the idea in detail. This will form the basis of Fraser's rather cautious approach to the subject.

The Australians favor working towards a regional consensus on the idea, but stress a gradual approach to allay the suspicions of countries who fear they might be swamped by the bigger economic powers.

Australian Foreign Minister Andrew Peacock already is enthusiastic about the idea. "I personally think that in the eighties we will have a Pacific economic bloc. Most of my colleagues would disagree with that, but I certainly believe it."

"The academic talk has ended. We've now moved on to the inter-governmental discussions," he said in a newspaper interview.

Arabs invest \$6 billion in Canada

DOHA, Jan. 11 (R) — The Arabs have about \$6 billion invested in Canada, a Canadian envoy H. Stewart-Hay told a press conference here Thursday.

Stewart-Hay, Canadian Ambassador in Kuwait and concurrently accredited to Qatar, United Arab Emirates, and Bahrain is here with a Canadian 10-member team led by Horst Schmid, minister of state for economic development and international trade of Alberta province.

The delegation was due to leave Thursday for Kuwait after a four-day visit to Qatar. It will then go to Saudi Arabia.

Schmid told the conference that the delegation's tour was to invite the countries it was visiting to invest in Alberta's oil industry which would be mutually profitable.

Qatar had shown much interest in the proposal, Schmid added.

He said Canada was interested in cooperating with Qatar in developing gas fields in their respective countries and in the manufacture of petroleum byproducts.

Qatar and Alberta are oil producers and have 80 trillion and 60 trillion cubic feet of gas reserves, respectively, according to Schmid.

High oil prices persist in Rotterdam

ROTTERDAM, Jan. 11 (R) — High crude oil prices in the free "spot" market are persisting in spite of a decline in demand and scarcity of storage space, market sources said Thursday.

The price of a barrel of Saudi Arabian light crude, the traditional OPEC reference oil, has softened slightly in recent weeks but is still around \$39 to \$40 — the level it stood at shortly before the spurt of price increases four weeks ago on the eve of the OPEC conference in Caracas.

Saudi Arabia then raised its price by \$6 to \$24 a barrel, the price at which its crude is still being officially sold.

Some traders said demand was thin but may pick up if prices ease further or if there is a spell of cold weather in Northern Europe.

Other oil industry sources said heightened international tension after the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan and persisting fears for Iranian oil prospects were helping to maintain the high spot price. It was, however, marginally lower than the \$45 highs reached late last year.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 7:00 P.M. Wednesday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.37	3.371	3.3625
Pound Sterling	7.59	7.65	7.64
Deutsche Mark (100)	196.00	197.00	196.25
Swiss F (100)	213.00	214.00	213.50
French F (100)	83.00	84.25	84.00
Italian Lira (10,000)	42.00	42.25	42.10
Lebanese Lira (100)		103.50	103.25
Syrian Lira (100)		78.50	86.65
Egyptian Pound		4.56	4.50
Jordanian Dinar		12.40	12.40
Emirates Dirham (100)		11.52	11.46
Qatari Riyal (100)		90.00	90.00
Bahraini Dinar		91.50	91.20
Iranian Ryal (100)		8.95	8.95
Iraqi Dinar (100)		25.00	—
Yemeni Ryal (100)		10.00	—
Moroccan Dirham (100)		74.25	74.00
Indian Rupee (100)		85.00	91.00
Pakistani Rupee (100)		—	42.50
Gold kg.		—	34.15
10 Tola bar		66,600.00	—
Silver kg.		7,780.00	—
Japanese Yen (1,000)	14.43	—	—
Canadian Dollar	2.87	—	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	120.00	122.00	—
Dutch Guilder (1,000)	177.00	178.00	178.00
Spanish Peseta		52.00	51.50
Greek Drachma (1,000)		82.50	—
Philippines Peso (1,000)		—	47.50
Singapore		—	1.57

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3 Nippon	Almehal	Dura	31.12.79
4 Nippon	Star	Reuter	08.01.80
5 Mount Caribbean	Orri	Barley/Timber	04.01.80
6 Dimitrios Vamvakis	Alstebah	Barley	02.01.80
7 Laky	Alstebah	Barley	04.01.80
8 Cape Orneli	Alstebah	Barley	02.01.80
9 Santa Ursula	Alstebah	Barley	02.01.80
10 Revie	Alstebah	Barley	02.01.80
11 Gna	Alstebah	Barley	02.01.80
12 Mount Olympus	Alstebah	Barley	02.01.80
13 Fen Al Khuk	Alstebah	Barley	02.01.80
14 Kaga Maru	Alstebah	Barley	02.01.80
15 Jordan Carrier	Alstebah	Barley	02.01.80
16 Kwi Arrow	Alstebah	Barley	02.01.80
17 Sea Struggler	Alstebah	Barley	02.01.80
18 Al Mena	Alstebah	Barley	02.01.80
19 Adria Star	Alstebah	Barley	02.01.80
20 Apostolos 'M'	Alstebah	Barley	02.01.80
21 Ever Huminty	Alstebah	Barley	02.01.80
22 Alad Mera	Alstebah	Barley	02.01.80
23 Daburah	Alstebah	Barley	02.01.80
24 Dorico	Alstebah	Barley	02.01.80
25 Agia Britannic	Alstebah	Barley	02.01.80
26 Cher Ching	Alstebah	Barley	02.01.80

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SHIP MOVEMENTS UP TO 0700 HOURS OF 22.2.1400/10.1.1980 — CHANGES PAST 24 HOURS

Ship	Agent	Origin	Arrival
3 Strathmay	S.C.S.A.	Gen. Reuter/Conts	5.1.80
10 Arab Najd	Kanoo	Leading Urns	10.1.80
11 Nanih Carter	S.E.A.	Gen. Steel	5.1.80
15 Tai Shou	Alfina	Steel/Gen.	7.1.80
20 New Shina	Alfina	Cement in Bags	4.1.80
21 Irel Jade (D.B.)	Barber	Bulk Cement	1.1.80
22 Australia Star	Kanoo	Containers	5.1.80
23 Ming Challenger	Kanoo	General	5.1.80
24 Sharp Island	S.E.A.	Gen. Conts.	5.1.80
25 Malina	Alfina	Gen. Conts.	5.1.80
26 Kingdom Venture	S.M.C.	Bulk Cement	31.12.79
27 Primula (D.B.)	Alfina	Cement in Bags	5.1.80
28 New Cottage	Alfina	Cement in Bags	5.1.80

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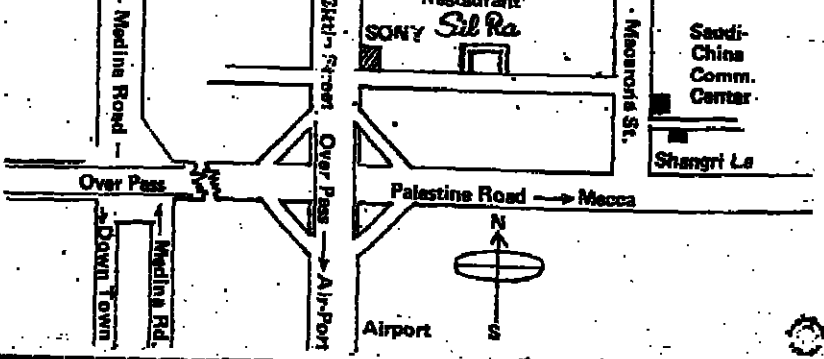
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" " "	Construction of a meat and vegetable market of 12 shops in Al-Hujra Al-Shoaraa in Qalwah	6/M	500	Feb. 3
" " "	Construction of a lavatory in Qalwah	7/M	200	Feb. 5
" " "	Construction of a meat and vegetable market of 12 shops in a rural complex in Qunfuzah		200	Jan. 29
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HONEY, YOUR
BOSS WANTS
TO SPEAK TO YOU

HOW COME THAT
LITTLE SAWED-OFF
RUNT HAS TO
CALL WHILE
I'M TAKING
A NAP?

HE'S NOT PHONING—
HE'S RIGHT HERE

I SURE HOPE THIS
TURNS OUT TO BE
A BAD DREAM!

CAN'T YOU DO
ANYTHING ABOUT
THAT SQUEAKY
CHAIR?

ONE OF THE
JOINTS IS
LOOSE

TRY WRAPPING
THIS PIANO WIRE
AROUND IT

SQUEAK

WHAT A
WINDSTORM!
IT BLEW THE
ROOF RIGHT
OFF OUR
HOUSE!

CHEER UP... AT
LEAST THE WORST
IS OVER

EVEN
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CHOICE.

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THE DEATH
PENALTY OF LIFE
IN SOLITARY?

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by THOMAS JOSEPH

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SD BHEPG PS VPHEP LD PGE
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NSE RBHEV PS ISUB. — RSFE
YFKTB BWLPSEV
Saturday's Cryptquote: IT IS HUMAN NATURE TO THINK
WISELY AND ACT FOOLISHLY. — ANATOLE FRANCE
(EDITOR'S NOTE: ESPECIALLY ON NEW YEAR'S EVE!)

Believe It or Not!

DOG-FACED BAT
HAS A HEAD
RESEMBLING
THAT OF A
CANINE

THE SNOWDROP
A FLOWER
IS NOT NAMED FOR
RESEMBLANCE TO A
SNOWFLAKE — IT
COMES FROM THE
GERMAN WORD
"SCHNEETROPFEN"
A LARGE SPRINKLING
OF FASHION-
ABLE LADIES IN
THE 16th CENTURY

THE FENCE
IN FRONT OF JOHN
PERIERA'S HOME
IN LOS ANGELES
IS CONSTRUCTED
OUT OF OVER
1,000 HORSESHOES
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A Sure-to-Win Position

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K 9 5
♥ 8 6
♦ 7 5 3
♣ A K J 8

EAST
♠ 4 6 6
♥ J 9 5 4 3 2
♦ Q 2
♣ Q 9 5 4

SOUTH
♠ A Q J 10 4 2
♥ 7
♦ A K J 4
♣ 7 2

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
2 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
3 ♠ Opening lead — king of hearts.

The finesse is a wonderful instrument of play, but this does not mean that a declarer should utilize it merely because the opportunity to use it exists. There is usually an element of luck connected with the success or failure of a finesse, and a fine declarer always thinks twice before deciding whether to finesse or rely on a different method of play to accomplish his purpose.

Consider this deal where South wins the heart lead with the ace and plays the A-K of

trumps. At this point, declarer is in position to guarantee the contract regardless of how the missing cards are divided! However, South must take several precautionary moves to assure a favorable outcome. He starts by ruffing the eight of hearts high at trick four. Declarer then plays the A-K of diamonds. If the suit is divided 3-2, or if East holds four diamonds to the queen, the worst that can happen is that South loses a diamond trick and nothing else. But even if, as in the actual case, West turns out to be the one with four diamonds to the queen, the slam is still ice-cold. Declarer next leads a club and, after West follows low, plays the eight from dummy! East wins with the nine, but it does not matter what he returns. A club automatically hands South his twelfth trick, while a heart return permits South to discard a diamond and ruff with dummy's nine of spades to produce the same result. West cannot split the end-play by going up with his ten of clubs on the club lead towards dummy. Declarer counters this play by covering the ten with the jack of clubs. East wins with the queen but finds himself in the same predicament described above. There is simply nothing East-West can do to stop the slam.

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Medina	5:50	7:12	12:37	3:39	5:55	7:25
Nejd	5:14	6:42	12:03	3:06	5:22	6:53

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4:30 Children's Show	Sesame Street No. 1199
5:40 Safety Film	I'm no Fool Having Fun
5:54 Smoking Spot	The Play-Hard
6:23 Young Peoples Special	No. 314
6:48 Sanford and Son	The Crime
7:36 Oregon Trail	The Army Deserter
8:24 Man in a Suitcase	Who's Mad Now
9:10 Baretta	The Marker
9:10 Documentary	Airport — PT 3

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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 1980

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈
A close ally is insistent. Both business and financial opportunities may arise now. It's up to you to capitalize on them.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉
A work project may not be completed, but the outlook is bright for close relationships. Let others show the way to good times.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) ♊
A date could turn into a contest of wits. Spending extra time on work projects will pay off. Temper mental work with physical exercise.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) ♋
Pursue hobbies and creative projects. A family member demands to be heard, though most close relationships flow smoothly.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) ♌
Once you make up your mind, you probably won't change it. Try to be amenable to compromise. Home life is rewarding now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍
There's a limit to what you'll spend now. If upset

about costs, curb amusements. Mental and creative interests favored.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎
Avoid a confrontation with a friend or relative. Take an inventory of possessions. Decide what to keep and what to dispose of.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏
Be straightforward or you'll find yourself in a power-play situation. Don't let resentments take hold. Face issues squarely.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐
Money an issue between friends. A behind-the-scenes approach to the day's activities brings success. Small beginnings take hold.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑
A possible impasse re a career situation. Let go and turn your attention to the social scene where you will meet with cooperation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒
Avoid controversial topics. Be open-minded and don't insist on winning arguments. Low-key approach to career interests works.

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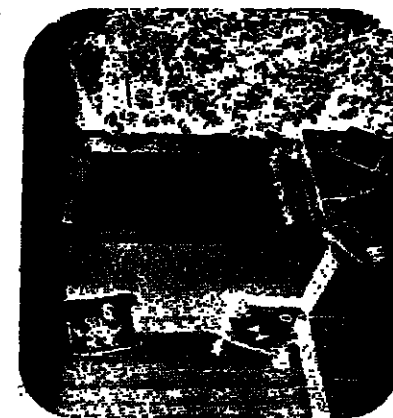
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Key anti-Khomeini terrorist captured

Sporadic fighting keeps Tabriz tense

TEHRAN, Jan 11 (Agencies) — Radio Tehran reported the capture of the leader of Iran's most effective anti-Khomeini terrorist group and his men, but the roundup failed to ease the revolutionary regime's troubles with rebellious ethnic minorities.

The broadcast said the gang chief, identified only by his family name, Goudarzi, and the other members of the organization called Forghan were captured after a gun battle with revolutionary guardsmen early Tuesday. It was not explained why the announcement was delayed until Thursday.

A revolutionary guard spokesman said documents found in the group's headquarters on Jamalzadeh Street in central Tehran showed that more than 20 assassinations had been planned.

The spokesman said more than 20 hideouts of Forghan members had been identified, but at least 20 members of the gang were still at large.

The terrorists, firing submachine guns from motorcycles, have assassinated five of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's associates and his first army chief of staff since the Shiite Muslim leader's revolution ended Shah Muhammad Reza Pahlavi's reign in February and replaced it with an Islamic theocracy.

The most recent victim was the dean of Tehran University's theology department, Hojatoleslam Mohammad Mofateh, who was killed with two bodyguards Dec. 18.

Mofateh had said government without clericalism was unacceptable, a direct challenge to Forghan, an extremist Muslim movement whose main tenet is Islam without clergy.

Forghan members believe the Prophet Muhammad and the Imams who followed him were not clericalism, that Islam is a religion to live by, not to govern by, and that a clerical ruling class is a betrayal of the religion and should not exist.

Forghan is a Persian word that refers both to the scales of justice and the Koran.

Meanwhile, Tabriz and Sanandaj, the northwestern strongholds of Iran's rebellious Azerbaijanis and Kurds, were paralyzed Thursday by general strikes called to press demands that Khomeini's revolutionary guards be pulled out and his regime grant the ethnic minorities autonomous home rule in their regions.

Tabriz Radio urged supporters of Khomeini to attend mass prayers Friday in what is

seen as a test of support for Iran's revolutionary leader.

The repeated calls were broadcast from the hilltop radio station sealed off by government troops to prevent any possible takeover by followers of Iran's second most powerful religious chief, Ayatollah Kazem Shariat-Madari.

Shariat-Madari opposes key sections of Iran's Islamic constitution that give sweeping powers to Khomeini.

Dozens of militant Shariat-Madari supporters were still barricaded in two city buildings they defended in fierce clashes on Wednesday in which eight people died and at least 100 were wounded.

Princess 'hurt' by rights inquiry

NEW YORK, Jan. 11 (AP) — Princess Ashraf Pahlavi, sister of the former Shah of Iran, has questioned the integrity of U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim and says she is "hurt" by his endorsement of an international inquiry into her brother's regime.

In a statement, the princess said she wondered why Waldheim had waited until now to speak out about alleged human rights abuses in Iran.

Neither Waldheim nor his spokesman could be reached immediately for comment. Waldheim returned recently from a trip to Iran.

The princess also asked how Waldheim could "speak about human rights and listen to the so-called grievances of the regime of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini while ignoring the families of the more than 600 Iranians who were summarily executed without fair trials."

One of the compromise proposals mentioned to win the release of the prisoners being held in the U.S. Embassy in Tehran is formation of a panel of inquiry to examine the rule of Shah Muhammad Reza Pahlavi and investigate allegations of human rights abuses.

Waldheim presented his idea to the United Nations Security Council this week.

While in Tehran, Waldheim was confronted by scores of mutilated people, said to be victims of the Pahlavi regime.

"How could he view the mutilated people paraded before him without asking for any proof of who was responsible for such acts?" the princess asked of Waldheim.

Their main fortress is the headquarters of the Muslim People's Republican Party, effectively disbanded by Shariat-Madari and renamed "bastion of the people" by its heavily-armed opponents.

Tabriz was tense Thursday after a week of sporadic fighting between the People's Republican Party seeking greater local self-rule and pro-government Islamic revolutionary guards and Khomeini supporters. Scuffles broke out Thursday night between the rival factions.

In the holy city of Qom, informed sources said Iran's four grand Ayatollahs, the nation's most revered religious leaders, would meet soon to discuss the violence in Tabriz and the Turkish-speaking Azerbaijan region as a whole.

Shariat-Madari has said the People's Republican Party was now "defunct" and he would not support it if it resumed activity, but his repeated calls for calm have done little to ease the tension in Tabriz.

Masked People's Party gunmen kept all-night watch at the party's battle-scarred office.

The city's shops and schools have been closed for several days and revolutionary guards patrolled the streets, largely deserted.

The U.S. hostages held captive in the American Embassy in Tehran began their 69th day in captivity Friday, and a group of black clergymen from Houston, Texas, said they planned to fly to Iran Friday in hopes of meeting with Khomeini on behalf of the captive Americans.

But the 79-year-old patriarch has said he would go into seclusion Saturday for two weeks to rest and would receive no visitors.

A delegation of the students holding the hostages met Thursday with Khomeini in Qom. It was believed they urged him to order the Foreign Ministry to deliver U.S. Charge d'Affaires Bruce Laingen to them for questioning about alleged espionage activities of the embassy.

Laingen and two aides were at the Foreign Ministry when the students took over the embassy on Nov. 4, and they have been kept there ever since. The students asked for Laingen last week, but Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh said he would not deliver him unless Khomeini ordered him to do so.

The U.N. security council was to meet Friday to take up a U.S. request for sanctions against Iran because of its refusal to free the hostages. But the Soviet Union, angered by the hostile U.S. response to its military intervention in Afghanistan, has announced it will veto a sanctions resolution.



George Meany

Meany, leader of U.S. labor, is dead at 85

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (R) — George Meany, the crusty leader of American trade unionism for a quarter of a century, died Thursday night only two months after an emotional farewell to his giant AFL-CIO labor federation. He was 85.

The abrasive, cigar-chewing union leader, who was friend and at times foe to six American presidents, died in George Washington Hospital. He was admitted last Sunday to undergo tests for excess fluid in his legs.

A hospital spokesman said Meany, who was confined to a wheelchair last April, succumbed to a sudden drop in blood pressure.

In a report from Washington of his death, the Soviet news agency Tass said Meany was a rabid anti-Communist and apologist of the capitalist system.

Meany was born on August 16, 1884. He rose from a humble start as a New York plumber's apprentice in 1910 to become chief executive of the American Federation of Labor (AFL) 42 years later.

When the AFL merged with the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO) in 1955, Meany was the automatic choice for president of the 14-million-member body.

He stepped down as AFL-CIO president last November and was succeeded by Lane Kirkland, who had served for 10 years as the federation's secretary-treasurer.

Meany appeared a changed man when he made his last appearance before the federation, ill-health had drained the color from his once-ruddy face. He was gaunt and frail. But the old bulldog spirit was still there. He enjoyed playing the Carter administration for economic policies which he regarded as inflationary.

More than 1,000 delegates to the AFL-CIO convention in Washington, responded with four minutes of affectionate applause.

The occasion capped a union career which began in 1922 when Meany was elected business representative of the New York Plumbers Organization. He became president of the New York Federation of labor 12 years later and went to the AFL as secretary-treasurer in 1919.

After becoming AFL's chief executive, he was credited with engineering the 1955 merger with the rival CIO, creating a superstructure for much of U.S. trade unionism.

Meany was unanimously elected president of the AFL-CIO at its first convention in New York and was re-elected with no opposition to 11 more two-year terms.

He worked from an eighth-floor office overlooking the White House, supervising and galvanizing a team of lawyers, economists and lobbyists through Washington's corridors of power.

His relationships with the men in the White House were sometimes cordial, sometimes hostile. He supported the Vietnam War and criticized former President Richard Nixon's overtures to China.

Meany had little time for the present administration. He repeatedly accused President Carter of having no policy to stem inflation and charged that his Middle East stance was unfair to Israel.

The labor leader's health deteriorated after a knee injury last April. It revived an old hip ailment which gave him severe pain when walking.

His wife died last March. She was 83 and they had been married for almost 60 years.

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

A friend of mine came in with a story. He started by saying, "Thank God for red tape. For bureaucratic meddling and form filling (in triplicate.) Without them," he said, "I would probably be in San Quentin or Alcatraz by now, conspiring with Luigi and de boys to murder the sadistic prison guards — or whatever they do in such establishments to while away the months and years... if such establishments are still in use... if..."

More matter, "I said sternly, "with less art. On with the story."

"It started," he said, "as I prepared to go on my trip to the States. On my way to the airport, it struck me that I carried no ready money, only my travellers checks. I stopped at a bank, and stood in line behind a lady who was very obviously an American tourist. She handed in one \$100 bill, in exchange for the equivalent in pounds sterling. As she went, I approached the bank official and told him my need. He remarked I was lucky, since the \$100 bill just received was the only thing they had in dollars. He exchanged my pounds sterling for it, and I continued on my way."

The journey went well, and I was through the American customs in no time at all. I thought it best to hire a car from the airport, and went to the appropriate counter. A lady, all smiles, told me this was fine. Could I hand over a \$100 as security? "I gave her the bill. She examined it carefully, and I thought this was normal, given the large denomination. But the lady was soon frowning, and then withdrew into the office. She came out with the office manager, who asked me, not impolitely, where I got the bill from."

"I told him, and he showed every sign of understanding. But I had hardly finished when two burly gentlemen came and stood on each side of me. The understanding manager had taken the precaution of calling them to deal with the situation."

Translated by Ashraf Al Awas

Salman will attend Jazirah prize giving

RIYADH, Jan. 11 (SPA) — Prince Salman, governor of Riyadh, will Saturday attend a ceremony at the Al Jazirah Publishing Organization to distribute SR1.5 million in prizes in its cultural competition.

Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani, minister of information, will speak on behalf of the press.

Prince Salman will hand out the prizes to 35 winners.

Political rivals mending fences in India

NEW DELHI, Jan. 11 (Agencies) — Congress President Devaraj Urs Friday called on outgoing caretaker Premier Charan Singh here for talks, believed to be concerned with moves to unite opposition parties.

Congress and Singh's Lok Dal (People's Party) formed an alliance government, but fought the election campaign with separate party platforms.

Singh, who is expected to hand over to the reins of power Premier-Designate Mrs. Indira Gandhi on Monday, Thursday appealed for various opposition groups to "preserve the democratic system" in India following Mrs. Gandhi's sweeping victory in the national elections.

Singh's party came second in the elections with 41 seats and Congress got 13 although the party was wiped out in Urs's home state of Karnataka, where he resigned this week as chief minister.

Mrs. Gandhi Thursday invited her defeated political foes to join in national reconciliation.

The 62-year-old stateswoman's triumphant return to the office she left 34 months ago in defeat and disgrace awaited only the formality of picking her cabinet and taking the oath of office, which is expected Monday.

India's chief of state, President Neelam Sanjiva Reddy, late Thursday sent Mrs. Gandhi a letter asking her to form her government as prime minister and to advise him to the names of her "other ministers," a presidential spokesman said.

The president nominated Mrs. Gandhi after thunderously applauding members of

her huge, newly elected majority in parliament. She was unanimously elected their parliamentary leader.

"We are not petty people... we do not think in terms of vendetta," she told the parliamentary gathering, offering the olive branch to opposition forces crushed by the national election victory of her Congress Party.

Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev and Prime Minister Alexei Kosygin Thursday

U.S., Turkey sign new treaty

ANKARA, Jan. 11 (AP) — A new Turkey-U.S. defense cooperation pact, initiated here Thursday, gives a new lease on life to key U.S. bases operating in this country and marks the end of seriously strained ties between the two NATO partners during the past few years.

After a quarter century of extremely close relations, Congress slapped an arms embargo on Turkey in 1975 because of Turkey's invasion of northern Cyprus in 1974.

In reprisal Turkey closed down U.S. military installations on its soil and unilaterally abrogated a previous defense agreement.

Efforts by the two governments to revitalize the relationship started bearing fruit only a year ago when Congress lifted the arms ban and Turkey reciprocated by reopening four key U.S. bases. A fifth one, a strategic air base in south east Turkey, had never been closed.

In talks that continued on and off for the

past year, Turkish and American negotiators hammered out the agreement U.S. envoy Ronald Spiers described as "the crowning achievement" of his career.

Faruk Sabinas, deputy secretary general of the Turkish Foreign Ministry, and Spiers, who initiated the agreement on behalf of their governments, both referred to it as "yet another milestone" in bilateral relations.

Both countries had good reason to normalize their military relations.

Two of the bases in Turkey are listening posts considered vital for intelligence gathering on Soviet missile tests and military movements.

Turkey, experiencing the worst economic crisis of the republic's history for the past three years, has discovered, after knocking at many doors, that its best bet still lies with the Western alliance for receiving urgently needed economic assistance, according to diplomatic sources.

Their message, issued by the Soviet news agency Tass, wished her a successful term in office, adding: "You are known in the Soviet Union as a prominent Indian political and stateswoman."

The message clearly reflected the Kremlin's satisfaction at seeing the return to power of Mrs. Gandhi with whom the Soviet Union formed close links during her previous rule.

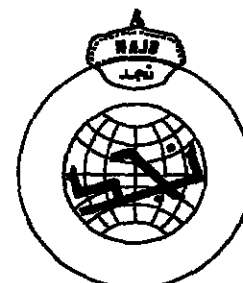
They sent "heartfelt congratulations" to Mrs. Gandhi.

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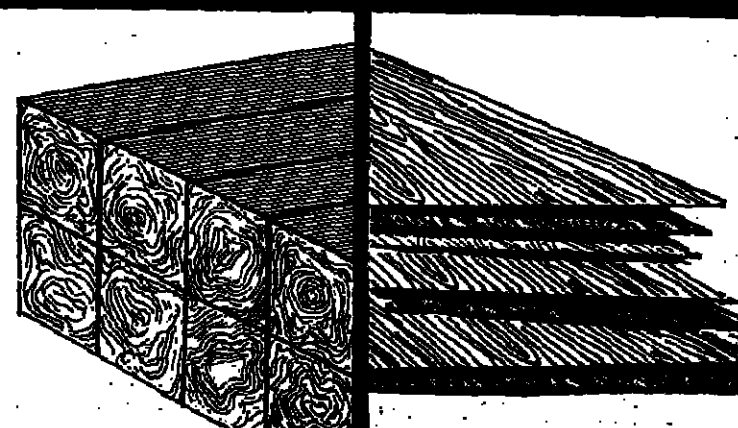
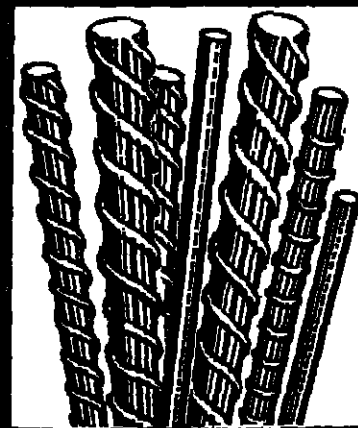
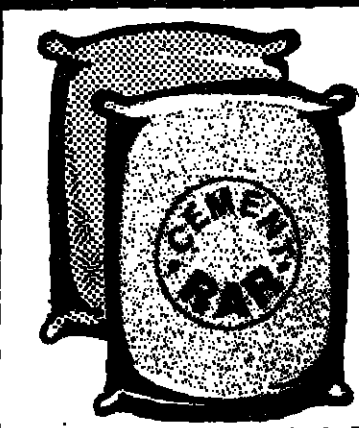


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